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Dear High School Partners,

Middlesex Community College (MCC) is looking forward to the Fall 2022 semester, including welcoming new and returning students to our Dual Enrollment programs.

The College has seen participation in Dual Enrollment grow steadily over the years. It is clear that high school students appreciate the opportunity to get a head start on their college experience. This partnership also extends to Greater Lowell and Bedford area high schools where MCC faculty collaborate with classroom teachers to allow students to earn college credits.

For five years, the Dual Enrollment program credit hour rates have not changed. There is now a need to increase fees to offset the losses of state revenues and unavoidable rise in inflationary costs. **MCC has made the decision to align the discount rate for Dual Enrollment to 50 percent of the instate college credit rate of \$252.** This increase was approved by the MCC Board of Trustees on February 24, 2022.

MCC will move forward with a phased approach in increasing the per credit hour rate for Dual Enrollment. **Starting in the Fall of 2022, the credit rate will increase to \$108.** By Fiscal Year 2024, credit cost will reach the 50 percent of instate tuition mark, resulting in the **Fall 2023 Dual Enrollment per credit rate of \$126.**

Middlesex will continue to provide financial assistance to enable all high schools to participate in the Dual Enrollment program as needed. MCC's program offers students:

- Excellent academic courses
- College credit while still in high school
- A significant economic value
- Thousands saved in tuition costs overall

Students who start taking Dual Enrollment courses as a high school sophomore, for example – while earning college credits at this 50 percent discount – may complete a full year of the program before their high school graduation date. If they enroll at MCC to complete a second year, they can go on to graduate from the College and earn an associate degree in their field.

Visit [MCC's Dual Enrollment program webpage](#) or email [DualEnrollment@middlesex.mass.edu](mailto:DualEnrollment@middlesex.mass.edu) for more information. We thank you for joining the MCC family, helping us to shape the futures of citizens in the Greater Lowell and Bedford communities for over 50 years.

Sincerely,

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