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TO: Dr. Monty Sullivan
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FROM: Joseph F. Marin
Chief Operations Officer
DATE: August 2, 2019
RE: Accreditation Funding Update

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LCTCS BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

FOR BOARD INFORMATION

Background: Seeking SACS (Southern Association of Colleges and Schools) accreditation usually involves colleges making substantial financial investments to purchase equipment, library holdings or to staff up with appropriate credentialed faculty. Recognizing this factor, in the past state funding was provided for accreditation purposes for colleges who transition from technical colleges to technical community colleges, such as in the case with SOWELA and Fletcher Technical Community Colleges. To assist in their transition for these colleges, \$1.3 million was provided by the state which helped facilitate these colleges becoming SACS accredited in 2014 and 2009, respectively. However, this has not been the case with Northshore and Central Louisiana Technical Community Colleges, both of which had legislation authorizing their transition from technical colleges to technical community colleges in 2011 and 2012, respectively.

With that said, in the 2019 Regular Legislative Session \$2 million in state funds were provided in the LCTCS Board budget for accreditation purposes for Northshore Technical Community College and Central Louisiana Technical Community College with the understanding that the funding would be allocated based on a plan approved by the Board and reported to the Board of Regents and the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget. The intent at this time is to provide each college with one million dollars with plans for their use to be approved by the board at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Prior Board Action: N/A

Benefits to the System: Funding will provide the means for Northshore Technical Community College and Central Louisiana Technical Community College to make targeted investments for improvements needed to become accredited by SACS.

Approved for Distribution to the Board
Dr. Monty Sullivan, President

8-14-19
Date