

Warren County Board of Supervisors

RESOLUTION NO. 275 OF 2023

RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY SUPERVISOR LEGGETT, RUNYON, THOMAS, FRASIER, GERACI, BRUNO AND BEATY

SUPPORTING LOCAL SHARE CONTRIBUTION PLAN FOR SUNY ADIRONDACK TO ACHIEVE THIRTY-THREE PERCENT (33%) RATE BY FISCAL YEAR 2028-29

WHEREAS, the State University of New York Adirondack (SUNY Adirondack) was established in 1961 as a community college jointly sponsored by the Warren County Board of Supervisors and Washington County Board of Supervisors to provide residents local access to affordable two-year post-secondary programs and develop the local workforce, and

WHEREAS, Warren County and Washington County provide SUNY Adirondack local sponsor contributions which enhance local educational opportunities and includes thirty unique academic programs of study, workforce training courses and programs, and hundreds of personal enrichment opportunities for residents, and

WHEREAS, NYS Education Law section 6304 prescribes the manner in which Community Colleges are funded and provides for a Local Share (Warren County, Washington County & Non-Resident Operating Chargebacks) of one-third of the operating costs, and

WHEREAS, the current Local Share for the 2022-2023 SUNY Adirondack budget has fallen to twenty-six percent (26%), and

WHEREAS, a joint committee meeting of the Warren County Personnel and Higher Education Committee and Warren County Finance Committee was held on May 5, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. at Bryan Hall, Room 128, SUNY Adirondack, 640 Bay Road, Queensbury, New York 12804, and each committee passed a resolution recommending Warren County adopt a five-year plan with Washington County to increase the Local Share from 26% in 2022-2023 to 33% in 2027-28, which shall be accomplished by increasing the Local Share by 1.4% per year, as follows: 2023-24 to 27.4%; 2024-25 to 28.8%; 2025-26 to 30.2%; 2026-27

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to 31.6%; 2027-28 to 33%, now, therefore, be it .

RESOLVED, that the Warren County Board of Supervisors supports increases in the Local Share for SUNY Adirondack during the next five budget years to achieve and maintain an annual Local Share equal to one-third (1/3) of operating expenses by the 2027-28 budget year, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County shall apportion the Local Share with Washington County, after deducting the value of annual charge backs received from non-sponsor counties, based upon the full-time student attendance ratio for the previous fall academic year, and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is authorized to negotiate and enter into an Intermunicipal Agreement with Washington County to record each sponsor's agreement to pursue the annual percentage increases to the Local Share for SUNY Adirondack, as provided herein, in a form approved by the County Attorney.