

IMPORTANT NEWS ABOUT DACC FUNDING

WHAT IS THE BACKGROUND OF THE CURRENT SITUATION?

In 2015, voters had the opportunity to approve a renewal levy that allows DACC to maintain operations, purchase needed equipment and supplies, and build a consolidated campus. Despite passing by 61 percent, the levy has not been validated.

WHY DIDN'T THE LEVY GET IMPLEMENTED?

Due to a mistake at the Delaware County Board of Elections, the levy did not appear on the ballots of voters in the four additional counties served by DACC, meaning the approximately 1,000 households eligible to vote on our levy never had the opportunity to do so (although the levy would have passed even if those households voted no).

HOW IS DACC FUNCTIONING WITHOUT THE FUNDING?

We are evaluating options for continuing to manage costs, while maintaining the same quality programming for our students. We have made non-instructional cuts where possible and placed our consolidated campus construction on hold. However, it is not possible to make up the missing funds through cost cuts alone.

WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP?

DACC will have to return to the ballot in November to ask for a 're-do' of the 2015 levy. We would greatly appreciate the assistance of our community in spreading the word about the invalidation of the 2015 levy and our future plans.

■ TO OUR COMMUNITY,

On behalf of the students and school districts served by the Delaware Area Career Center (DACC), I want to personally thank you for your continued support as we navigate through the difficulties of our 2015 levy.

As you may already know, despite passing with more than 28,000 yes votes, a mistake by the Delaware County Board of Elections resulted in the invalidation of the levy, and DACC has been unable to collect levy funds. Despite several efforts to qualify the levy, we have been unable to do so to date.

DACC will have to return to the ballot in November. This will be a 're-do' of the 2015 levy, not an additional levy.

In the meantime, providing our students with a quality learning experience remains our top priority, and we are working each day to assure our educational programs are not disrupted by this situation.

We truly appreciate your support, understanding and patience.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns. More information and updates are always available on our website at www.DelawareAreaCC.org.

Thank you,



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