

## Board of Trustees

Washtenaw Community College

<b>DISCUSSION</b>
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Subject  
Operational Reporting Tool Contract

Date  
September 22, 2020

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### Background

The quickly changing environment of higher education demands vigilance and the ability to utilize the College's constantly changing student enrollment, retention, and other data in daily decision making and operations. To this end, the college has identified the implementation of an operational reporting tool as an important opportunity to better leverage college data in examining and improving student success and retention, as well as enhancing overall efficiency and effectiveness. The major goals of this initiative are to offer more immediate and direct access to just-in-time data from WCC's Banner system to users who need it and provide additional means to promote data-informed decision making.

The best option for Washtenaw Community College was identified after an extensive review of five RFP submissions and two on-site demos. Argos, a reporting solution by Evisions, focuses exclusively on the needs of colleges and universities. The Argos reporting tool enables user access of student and institutional data in real time. Argos is focused on the higher education space and is also integrated with Banner and DegreeWorks, allowing for a seamless application of the tool. Argos will provide pre-built data blocks for the College's current Banner data system that will accelerate the redevelopment of existing data reports, as well as the development of new reports. Argos will also enable the College to decommission a number of legacy homegrown applications, and will offer the College access to a co-op of 500 Banner institutions for collaboration and sharing data blocks and reports.

### Recommendation

That the Board of Trustees approve a contract to purchase the Argos Reporting Solution by Evisions for an amount not to exceed \$255,000 for the initial five-year term.

## A ROLL CALL VOTE WILL BE TAKEN

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