

► **LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

## Approving millage will only help if new trustees can properly handle money

Whether you are voting for or against the MCCC millage I ask that you consider voting in new members of the board. The financial problems at the college are not new or unexpected. As a result they highlight the need for new leadership. In light of the crumbling infrastructure, lack of raises in six to eight years and inappropriate spending by the board, I ask that you hold these people accountable. The recent lavish party thrown for politicians is just one example of poor fiscal decision-making. It also leaves me wondering if personal agenda isn't influencing these decisions.

The proposed millage will provide an additional \$6 million annually to MCCC. As our property values go up so do our

taxes and the amount the college receives. This millage is not designed to ever end even after the fiscal crisis is over. Perhaps MCCC could create a general education fund supporting pre-K through high school education. MCCC could work closely with these teachers to fund important projects in early education. We should do all that we can to ensure that our children make it to college.

The money generated by the millage needs to be managed by highly skilled individuals. Several of the candidates running have those skills and would provide great leadership and direction. Jack Schwab's banking background and community work make him the ideal candidate. Lynette

### Letters are welcome

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Dowler's background as a DTE Energy plant manager dealing with much larger budgets makes her a great candidate. Her participation as a member of the Foundation at MCCC shows her commitment. Both Mr. Schwab and Ms. Dowler attended MCCC on their path to higher education.

This is a great opportunity to put MCCC and the future of our children on a sustainable and

successful path. Please do your research! Speak to the people who work at the college for their insight. Request information about the spending practices of the board. Interview candidates and board members. And ask who has the knowledge, skills and relationships needed to guarantee success.

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