

**Date of Board Meeting:** June 16, 2026

**Subject:** Substantive change request – Lamar CISD

**Recommendation:** Approve the submission of a substantive change to SACSCOC allowing for >50% of a degree program to be offered at Lamar CISD Career and Technical Education Center.

**Background and Rationale:**

Effective January 2027, Wharton County Junior College (WCJC) intends to offer 50% or more of select academic programs at the Lamar CISD Career and Technical Education Center, subject to student demand and all necessary approvals.

The expansion of instructional offerings at this location is intended to increase access to high-quality dual credit and early college opportunities while responding to the evolving educational and workforce needs of the community. By delivering college coursework closer to students, WCJC can make postsecondary education more accessible and affordable for students throughout the service area.

Because future enrollment patterns and employer needs will continue to evolve, the specific programs offered will remain flexible and responsive to local demand. Potential offerings may include Engineering Design, Business Administration, Electronics Engineering Technology, Information Technology, Computer Science, and other workforce-aligned disciplines identified through ongoing collaboration with Lamar CISD and regional industry partners. This approach allows the College to adapt programming to meet emerging opportunities while strengthening pathways from high school to college and career.


**Budgetary Implications:** SACSCOC Sub Change Fee = \$300 (current operating budget)

**Strategic Priority Alignment:**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Student Success	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Community Impact
<input type="checkbox"/> Resource Optimization	<input type="checkbox"/> Institutional Excellence

**Resource Personnel:** Amanda Allen, Ed.D., President

**Approval:**

  
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President