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**PROGRAM APPROVAL MODIFICATION
FOR ILLINOIS EASTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT #529**

Submitted for: **Action.**

Summary: This item requests that all prior program approvals issued by the Board to Frontier College, Lincoln Trail College, Olney Central College, and Wabash Valley College be amended to state that the approvals were given to Illinois Eastern Community College District #529.

Action Requested: That the Illinois Board of Higher Education adopts the program approval modification for Illinois Eastern Community College District #529.

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Background

Illinois Eastern Community College District #529 (IECC) is in the process of merging its four separate curriculum files established for each campus into a single file. This merger will allow students at all four locations to have access to faculty/programs across the district. IECC's goal is to make programs of study like Agriculture, Early Childhood Education, Truck Driving, etc. available at any location where student demand justifies delivery. The curriculum merger comes as the district has merged all its campuses under a single Postsecondary Education Identifier (OPEID) in response to a United States Department of Education directive related to student financial aid. IECC has undertaken other centralization efforts including, for example, the assignment of campus presidents to district-level responsibilities as well. It should be noted that District #529 is regionally accredited as a district and is recognized by the Illinois Community College Board (ICCB) at the District level. It should also be noted that IECC was originally approved as a Class 1 community college district, with branch campuses, thus making this change consistent with its original approval status.

The impact of this recommendation's approval is that all units of instruction, research, or public service currently identified as limited to a particular District #529 campus may be offered by District #529 at any of its campuses. Going forward any new request for approval of a unit of instruction, research, or public service arising out of District #529 will be presented to the Board as request from Illinois Eastern Community College District #529 and not from any one of its individual campuses.

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends adoption of the following resolution:

The Illinois Board of Higher Education hereby approve all previously adopted approvals of new units of instruction, research, and public service issued by the Board to Frontier Community College, Lincoln Trail College, Olney Central College, and Wabash Valley College, as separate colleges within a multi-college district, be amended to state that the approvals then given were given to Illinois Eastern Community College District #529, a single college district.