



**NORTH CAROLINA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM**  
*H. Martin Lancaster, President*

April 18, 2006

**MEMORANDUM**

To: Presidents  
Business Officers  
Registrars  
Admission Officers

From: David J. Sullivan  
General Counsel

**RE: In-State Tuition Continues for Hurricane Katrina Evacuees**

In accordance with Executive Order 82 and the State Board's Resolution, in-state tuition shall be granted to all individuals who evacuated any area as a result of the threat or devastation of Hurricane Katrina. In accordance with the State Board's Resolution, evacuees will continue to enjoy the benefits of in-state tuition until Governor Easley terminates the "State of Emergency" declared on September 3, 2005 in Executive Order 82. As of today, the "State of Emergency" continues and in-state tuition remains available for evacuees.

Please know that the Governor may terminate the "State of Emergency" at any time. The System Office will continue to monitor the status of the "State of Emergency", and will notify colleges when the "State of Emergency" is terminated. When terminated, evacuees will be charged the out-of-state tuition rate for any semester not already underway, assuming evacuees do not otherwise qualify for in-state status.

Attachment: State Board Resolution

CC06-079

## **Resolution of the North Carolina State Board of Community Colleges**

**WHEREAS**, the State Board of Community Colleges has great sympathy and compassion for the many individuals evacuated from Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama as a result of the widespread devastation caused by Hurricane Katrina and its subsequent flooding; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governor of the Great State of North Carolina declared a State of Emergency on September 3, 2005, to permit North Carolina to more easily conduct humanitarian relief efforts necessitated by the effects of Hurricane Katrina; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governor identified the out-of-state tuition rates of community colleges as a hindrance to North Carolina's humanitarian relief efforts; and

**WHEREAS**, under the powers vested in the Governor by the General Statutes of North Carolina, Governor Michael F. Easley officially requested that the State Board of Community Colleges waive community college tuition for all evacuees who had paid tuition to a community college operating in the affected states; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governor has officially requested that the State Board of Community Colleges permit all other evacuees to enroll at a community college at the in-state tuition rate; and

**WHEREAS**, the State Board of Community Colleges is statutorily obligated to cooperate with any such request of the Governor during a declared State of Emergency;

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED** by the State Board of Community Colleges, that each of North Carolina's 58 community colleges shall not require payment of any additional Fall 2005 tuition for any person whose evacuation to North Carolina was a direct result of the threat and/or devastation of Hurricane Katrina when said person already paid Fall 2005 tuition to a community college in the affected states.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the State Board of Community Colleges that until the termination of the "State of Emergency due to Hurricane Katrina," the in-state tuition rate shall be charged to all other persons whose evacuation to North Carolina was a direct result of the threat and/or devastation of Hurricane Katrina.

The President of the North Carolina Community College System shall provide guidance to the colleges as to the implementation of this Resolution.

This the 16th day of September, 2005.

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Hilda Pinnix-Ragland, Chair  
State Board of Community Colleges

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