

# Benzie County

## Annexation Proposition



Northwestern  
Michigan College

In response to an invitation from Benzie County residents to provide greater access to education and training after high school, **Northwestern Michigan College** is placing an annexation proposition before Benzie County voters on the **Nov. 5, 2024 ballot**.

Benzie students  
currently pay  
out-of-district rates

**\$261**

*per contact hour*

The approved  
measure would  
lower tuition to

**\$122**

*per contact hour*

### What does this mean?

If voters approve two ballot questions, Benzie County would join Grand Traverse County as an “in district” county within NMC’s community college district. Like Grand Traverse County residents, Benzie residents would pay a millage (property tax) to support college operations and receive the lowest tuition rates.

NMC would also establish a physical presence in Benzie County.



teaching/  
classroom  
space



computer  
lab



technology  
resources



meeting  
spaces



office  
spaces

### How would Benzie students benefit?

As of spring 2024, 169 Benzie students are enrolled at NMC.

If they were **in-district students enrolled in 20 credit hours annually**, each student would save **\$2,780**.

MORE INFO  
[nmc.edu/benzie](http://nmc.edu/benzie)

### MICHIGAN RECONNECT

Benzie residents 25+ without a college degree would also be eligible for free tuition through Michigan Reconnect, which currently pays the in-district tuition rate, meaning Benzie students must cover the difference (\$139/contact hour).

**About 6,500 Benzie residents ages 25-54 would qualify.**



[michigan.gov/reconnect](http://michigan.gov/reconnect)

# What will it cost?



**2.033**  
*NMC's current millage*

home value	=	annexation cost
\$200,000	=	\$203/year
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\$300,000	=	\$305/year

# How much would it generate?

If approved, the millage would generate **\$3.64 million in 2025.**

After factoring in the lower tuition rate that would be paid by Benzie students, **NMC is expected to net an additional \$3.16 million/year.**

# What would NMC do with that money?

Approximately \$2 million would be reinvested in Benzie County with a physical facility, staff, and IT infrastructure. Specifics about where the facility would be located, course offerings and number of staff would be determined with the Benzie community if the millage passes.



# What can you do?

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