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David DeBoer
Executive Director of Financial Aid
Grand Rapids Community College
143 Bostwick Avenue NE
Grand Rapids, MI 49503

Dear Mr. DeBoer:

This letter serves to verify that Grand Rapids Community College is a public community college authorized by the State of Michigan Constitution, Article VIII, Sec. 207. The State School Aid Act of 1979, Article II, State Aid to Community Colleges, and Article III State Aid for Universities and Student Financial Aid provides the legislative basis for annual state appropriations to the public colleges and universities. Therefore, Grand Rapids Community College is exempt from state approval or licensure to operate a postsecondary educational institution in the State of Michigan.

Based on Grand Rapids Community College's constitutional exemption from postsecondary licensing, approval of additional locations/branch campuses is not required. As such Grand Rapids College is also exempt from program approval by this office.

Please feel free to contact me at 517.256.8670 or farhatj@michigan.gov with any questions or concerns that you may have.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink on a light-colored background, reading "James R. Farhat".

James R. Farhat, Departmental Specialist
Employment & Training, Postsecondary Schools

cc: Vern Westendorf, State Administrative Manager, Talent and Information Systems