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Collaborations are a "way of life" for Community Colleges

> Higher Learning Commission (HLC) accreditation resource-sharing with other colleges in NM

>EMT training program cooperative with ENMU-Roswell

>CDL testing services in Hobbs, Taos, Raton and Portales

The Lea County Distance Education Consortium (LCDEC) is a 40-year partnership between area high schools, NMJC, and Eastern NM University

Education partnerships with Nor-Lea Hospital District and Covenant Health Systems

>Working relationships with the Permian Strategic Partnership and the J.F. Maddox Foundation

Workforce Training MOU with NMSU-Carlsbad

Funding Community Colleges The triad of funding



NMJC: revenue and tuition history

FY 07

State unrestricted funding - \$9.3 million (40.4% of total revenue)

FY 10

• State unrestricted funding - \$8.01 million (27.5% of total revenue)

FY 20

• State unrestricted funding - \$6.38 million (13.2% of total revenue)

Dependence on unrestricted funds from the state has gone down. In-district tuition for 1 credit hour was \$29 in FY 10 and is \$39 in FY20 – tuition costs are LOW.

Our mission as a community college:

Academic – two-year transfer programs, AA/AS/AAS degrees for students who want/need only a two-year degree.

Professional and Technical Training- for-credit (law enforcement, welding, cosmetology, etc.) and non-credit workforce training (EMT, lease pumper, truck driving, dental assistant, pharmacy tech, and certified medical assistant, etc.).

Community Engagement – Small Business Development Corporation, GED instruction and testing, New Horizons Foundation (inventor's incubator), continuing education, etc.

College Readiness– developmental or remediation programs to prepare students for college level instruction.

A word about the Trifecta -

New Mexico Higher Education has been working on the "Trifecta," a combination of policies and practices intended to support students:

- **General Education Core** a common collection of courses that can be taken at any NM college or university and fulfill the general education requirements at any NM institution.
- Articulation and Transfer (common course numbers) seamless transferability between institutions; this involves not just course numbers but complex negotiation of content and learning outcomes across institutions.
- **Meta Majors** common pathways for popular college majors that can be started at one school and finished at another school with no loss of time or credit.

My message: these are great ideas that are very complex, to realize them requires an unprecedented level of cooperation between institutions.