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Vermont State Colleges System Freezes Tuition for 2021-2022 Academic Year

MONTPELIER, VT – On Monday, the Vermont State Colleges System Board of Trustees voted to freeze tuition for the 2021-2022 academic year. Chancellor Sophie Zdatny released the following statement:

“The Vermont State Colleges System institutions – Castleton University, the Community College of Vermont, Northern Vermont University, and Vermont Tech—serve more Vermont students than all other institutions of higher education in the state *combined*. 83% of our students are Vermonters, and 57% of our undergraduate Vermonters are first-generation college students. Our top strategic priorities include ensuring we are affordable and accessible to the Vermonters we serve. The ongoing public health pandemic has had a tremendous financial impact on students and their families. The tuition freeze announced today is a critical investment in our commitment to our students. This means that all students –undergraduate, graduate, those continuing their education, and those taking just one or two classes will not see an increase in their tuition next year.

“There is no doubt that the Vermont State Colleges are in a tough financial position this year; however, our first priority is ensuring a Vermont State Colleges education remains accessible to and affordable for our students. Our students depend on us and we will not close our budget gap on their backs. Freezing tuition right now as students and families face grave economic uncertainty is the right thing to do.”

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