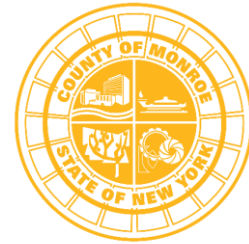




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**MONROE COUNTY EXECUTIVE ADAM BELLO
ANNOUNCES LEGISLATIVE APPROVAL FOR NEW APPLIED
TECHNOLOGY CENTER AT MONROE COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

The state-of-the-art ATC facility on the Brighton campus will train students for careers in high-demand skilled trades and integrate with existing STEM programs

ROCHESTER, NY — Monroe County Executive Adam Bello today announced the County Legislature has approved \$35 million in funding to construct a new state-of-the-art Applied Technologies Center (ATC) at the Brighton campus of Monroe Community College. The new building would replace an outdated facility on West Henrietta Road and connect ATC students with the college's existing science, technology, engineering and mathematics programs.

"The four pillars of building Monroe County's future are public safety, public health, economic/workforce development and infrastructure," **said County Executive Bello**. "The new ATC facility builds on our county's ongoing efforts to train people for high-demand jobs such as automotive technician, precision tooling, heating, ventilating and air conditioning technician and solar panel technician. Skilled trades workers are in short supply, our economy needs them and companies are willing to pay good money for them. This new center will give students practical, hands-on training and help accelerate the availability of workers our economy needs to thrive."

Monroe County's 2021 Facilities Master Plan included a recommendation to relocate ATC to the Brighton campus in order to better integrate its technical programs with the academic and science, technology, engineering and mathematics already available on campus. Additionally, significant deferred maintenance costs at the existing facility made it clear that a new ATC would be a more efficient and cost-effective solution that would provide MCC students with better opportunities and offer flexibility to expand college offerings into emerging highly technical fields such as optics and diesel technology.

The County Legislature approved the funding tonight by unanimous vote and authorized the County to enter a contract with the state Dormitory Authority to purchase fixtures and equipment for the project. The State University of New York will reimburse the county for one-half of all project costs.

"Thanks to Monroe County's investment in technological innovation, education and training, more Monroe Community College students will have opportunities to learn in simulated real-world environments and earn industry-recognized credentials in high-demand career fields, such as advanced manufacturing; automotive technology; heating, ventilation and air conditioning; and more," **said Dr. DeAnna R. Burt-Nanna, president of Monroe Community College**. "MCC is grateful for the Monroe County Legislature's and Monroe County Executive

Bello's support of our shared focus on lifting up residents across all ZIP codes and bolstering our local economy."

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