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The following statements pertain to the philosophy and objectives which guide the deliberations and decisions of the Board of Trustees:

Morton College is an integral part of the Illinois Community College System organized to provide education and training to the citizens of the district and to participate as a partner in the statewide Community College System.

Responsible for the direction of Morton College as part of the statewide system, the Board of Trustees of Community College District 527 assumes a full commitment to the objectives and philosophy of the Illinois Community College Board, and to observe the standards and criteria set forth by said state board.

Accordingly, the Board adopts as the mission of Morton College the establishment and maintenance of the following programs:

LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES PROGRAMS - Such programs shall be provided either (1) to prepare students for transfer to four-year colleges and universities, or (2) to meet the personal educational goals of individuals through their lifetimes.

OCCUPATIONAL PROGRAMS - Such programs shall be vocational, technical, and semi-technical in nature and shall be for the purpose of providing job training, retraining, and/or upgrading of skills to meet both current and emerging local, regional, and state manpower needs.

PREPARATORY, DEVELOPMENTAL, AND REMEDIAL PROGRAMS - Such programs shall include adult basic education, general education development, English as a second language, and any other instruction designed to prepare students for successful experiences in post-secondary education.

PUBLIC SERVICE PROGRAMS - Such programs shall include (1) "community education" activities of an instructional nature such as non-credit adult continuing education and hobby/leisure time activities and (2) "community service" activities which may include workshops, seminars, and forms of cultural enrichment.

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Furthermore, the Board considers its responsibility to be:

- primarily, to the citizens of the six communities of District 527 that it serves;
- secondarily, insofar as it is practical, to residents of areas which are not included in community college districts and to residents of the State of Illinois who seek occupational education in fields unavailable elsewhere; and
- lastly, to residents outside of the State of Illinois and the continental limits of the United States.

The Board commits itself to a comprehensive program offering a variety of educational opportunities designed to meet a diversity of interests and abilities of its student body. Central to all of these programs and vital to the realization of their educational aims are counseling and support services to direct students into programs for which they are most qualified and show the greatest potential for achievement.

Inasmuch as the Board is committed to the concept that the quality of the faculty and staff is central to the quality of the educational experience of the students it therefore seeks to employ and retain persons with the highest professional qualifications and demonstrated ability.

Finally, the Board believes in the integrity of a position which supports the values and standards of the community which it serves.

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