

**A RESOLUTION TO BE SUBMITTED  
BY LEGISLATOR BURKE**

**RE: Requesting that Erie County's Portion of the Funding for the STEM Building at ECC North Campus be Put on Hold Until a Full and Thorough Audit is Conducted by the Erie County Comptroller**

WHEREAS, the report titled "Program Needs Analysis and Space Utilization Assessment" was performed under biased directives to maintain a three campus system in accordance to the "Erie Community College, Strategic Plan: 2012-2014;" and

WHEREAS, all budget and cost breakdowns of Erie Community College are done as a whole, even as it operates functionally in three parts, offering the public no understanding of the real costs of the respective campuses; and

WHEREAS, the report titled "Program Needs Analysis and Space Utilization Assessment" reaches its findings to build the proposed STEM Building on North Campus without regard to the efficacy or cost of the respective campuses; and

WHEREAS, the findings of the report concluded, "New construction at another ECC location, such as the City Campus, would require land acquisition," and further dismissed the idea by estimating such a land purchase would exceed \$2 million; and

WHEREAS, the findings of the report failed to discover that the County of Erie is in possession of property at 100 North Division Street and 45 Oak Street, a substantial 1.3 acre plot that could act as the site of the proposed STEM building; and

WHEREAS, the Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus, a short distance from the above ignored County owned properties, represents a substantial and valuable investment of resources by New York State and private institutions from all over this region in the medical industry; and

WHEREAS, the findings of the report state that the programs slated for the proposed STEM building are in the areas of health sciences: anatomy and physiology, biology, bio manufacturing, medical lab technology, medical assisting, nursing, and respiratory care; and

WHEREAS, the construction of the proposed STEM building at ECC North Campus will become the future justification to County taxpayers for extensive and costly investment in the deteriorated buildings on North Campus.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, that funding for the proposed ECC North Campus expansion shall be held until a true assessment of respective campus costs and land uses can be produced to justify the expansion; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that an audit of ECC should be completed by the Erie County Comptroller to ensure the findings of the study be true and fiscally sound; and be it further

RESOLLVED, that the Clerk of the Legislature forward certified copies of this resolution to the County Executive and President of ECC.

FISCAL IMPACT: To be determined.