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May 13, 2024

Hinlan Wong
Board of Review
City of Boston Assessing Department
One City Hall Square
Boston, MA 02201

RE: FY2024 PILOT Program

Dear Hinlan:

Thank you for your letter dated April 9, 2024, outlining Wentworth's voluntary second half Fiscal Year 2024 Payment In Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) contribution (copy attached). Similar to our communication with your office last fall, due to the current financial uncertainties and stresses brought on by the pandemic, Wentworth will not be making a PILOT contribution for this fiscal year. We have experienced a drop in student enrollment during the past few years, similar to many other colleges and universities across the region and the country, which has produced four consecutive years of operating deficits and in the current fiscal year we are projecting a deficit as well. We remain strongly committed to our Boston community and continue to provide significant community benefits that directly serve its residents.

Despite the challenges of the past four years, our community benefits remain strong. Our community benefits have consistently exceeded the 50% community benefit cap for programs and activities that directly benefit City of Boston residents.

Project STRIVE, for example, continued to provide workforce training for Boston Public School (BPS) Students. STRIVE is a program that serves over 100 non-diploma bound BPS students with a variety of special needs, providing them with training that leads to future employment opportunities.

In addition, our Boston Pipeline Program for college access and success remains stronger than ever. Our RAMP program acts as a bridge for Boston high school graduates to navigate the transition from high school to college. We provide them with project-based, hands-on learning, and the tools to support their persistence through degree completion. In 13 years (2011 to 2023), RAMP has introduced 415 youth from Boston and local communities to college life at Wentworth by connecting them with peers, enabling them to participate in hands-on projects and skills-based workshops, connecting them to Wentworth faculty, staff, and student-mentors, and exploring STEM careers with industry partners. Our Dual Credit Early College program enrolls juniors and seniors from partner Boston high schools to earn college credit while simultaneously earning credit toward a high school diploma. Both programs come at no cost to the students. Boston students have a strong track record of success at Wentworth, proving that local students perform well with the support system provided.

As always, we wish to remind you that Wentworth is a small, private institution with a modest endowment. We are largely dependent on tuition dollars to fund our operations and we are committed to affordable tuition pricing. Most of our students come from middle class and working families, making them very sensitive to tuition increases.

Wentworth remains committed to working closely with the City of Boston as we seek to make our community a better place to live and learn. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 617-989-4325 or totinor@wit.edu.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Robert L. Totino". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Robert L. Totino
Vice President of Finance/CFO

Enclosures

Cc: Nicholas P. Ariniello, Esq, Commissioner, Assessing Department, City of Boston
Johanna Sena, Director for Community and Government Relations, Wentworth

INSTITUTION NAME:

Wentworth Institute of Technology

Community Benefits Report**FINANCIAL YEAR:**

2024

Program Name	Brief Program Description	Amount (\$)	Cash, In-Kind, or Both ¹	1-time or Ongoing ²	Who is Served ³	Program Initiator ⁴	Partners ⁵
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Scholarships to Boston High School Students and Community Residents	Scholarships awarded to Boston High School students	\$4,472,310	Cash	Ongoing	Graduates of Boston Public Schools	Wentworth	N/A
	Scholarships awarded to Boston High School students	\$469,367	Cash	Ongoing	Graduates of Boston Public Schools	City of Boston	N/A
	Jimmie Beverly Community Scholarship	\$195,004	Cash	Ongoing	Residents of Mission Hill and Fenway Neighborhoods	City of Boston and the Wentworth BPDA Community Task Force	N/A
Workforce Development	BPS School-to-Career Workforce Training Program	\$294,478	Cash	Ongoing	Boston Public School students with and without disabilities.	Boston Public Schools and Madison Park Technical Vocational High School	See attached list of partners.
Transportation & Environmental Initiative	MBTA Subsidy for Employees. While this is not a City/State requirement, Wentworth is committed to alleviating traffic congestion and helping the environment. Not all institutions have this benefit.	189,850	Cash	Ongoing	Wentworth (WIT) Employees and Communities Adjacent to WIT Campus. A benefit not automatically offered at all higher education institutions.	Boston Transportation Department (BTD)	MBTA and the BTD
Center for Community & Learning Partnerships	Projected Operating Expenses	\$507,847	Cash	Ongoing	See attached list of partners.	Wentworth BPDA Community Task Force	See attached list of partners.
	Market Value of Dedicated Space	\$59,261	In-kind	Ongoing	See attached list of partners.	Wentworth BPDA Community Task Force	See attached list of partners.
Industry Corps	Industry Corps, part of Wentworth's Division of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI), aims to deliver education-to-career pathways driven by the needs of the local economy. Upon completion of this 20-month program, participants can join the workforce in a full-time position or have the opportunity to pursue additional education at Wentworth through one of our undergraduate degree programs.	\$671,715	Both	Ongoing	Boston residents who have graduated High School within the last 10 years.	Wentworth	See attached list of partners.

Dual Enrollment Program	BPS High school seniors earn college credit while also receiving credit toward a high school diploma. This program is aimed at students who have an interest in STEM fields. The primary focus of the program is to develop students to be academically ready and prepare them for college by giving them the opportunity to experience a college. Students receive transferable college credits, books, and laptops at no cost.	1,176,450	Both	Ongoing	Students from E.M.K. Academy for Health Careers, Fenway HS, Urban Science Academy, English HS, Elizabeth Seton Academy, Match Public Charter School, Community Academy of Science and Health.	Wentworth	Students from E.M.K. Academy for Health Careers, Fenway HS, Urban Science Academy, English HS, Elizabeth Seton Academy, Match Public Charter School, Community Academy of Science and Health.
Alice Taylor Council Office & Computer Lab	Annual cost of internet and cable service.	\$2,850	Cash	Ongoing	Residents of Alice Taylor Housing Development	Wentworth	BHA and Alice Taylor Housing Development Tenants Task Force
Cash contributions to community groups and projects by request	Community Contributions. Health Crisis addendum: while many of our donations are centered around events, Wentworth ensured that surrounding communities received the support they needed during the pandemic such as donation of grocery store gift cards, school supplies for children studying remotely, health supplies, etc.	\$16,055	Cash	Ongoing	Various community groups such as: Mission Hill and Fenway residents and/or housing developments, Sociedad Latina, ABCD Parker Hill, community events, etc.	Wentworth	Various community groups such as: Mission Hill and Fenway residents and/or housing developments, Sociedad Latina, ABCD Parker Hill, community events, etc.
No cost space contributions to community groups and projects by request	Facilities usage: City of Boston and community groups are not charged a rental fee for using space at Wentworth	\$94,100	In-kind	Ongoing	Various City of Boston and community groups such as: PBHA's Summer Urban Program (Camp), Alice Taylor Task Force, Boston Public Schools, Boston Charter Schools, Year 13 PILOT program and many others.	Wentworth	Various City of Boston and community groups such as: PBHA's Summer Urban Program (Camp), Alice Taylor Task Force, Boston Public Schools, Boston Charter Schools, Year 13 PILOT program and many others.
Total	Total	\$8,149,286					

Wentworth Institute of Technology
PILOT FY24
List of community partners

Center for Community & Learning Partnerships (CLP)

1. The Possible Zone
2. Boston Public Schools
3. John D. O'Bryant
4. Fenway High School
5. Dearborn STEM Academy
6. New Mission High School
7. Sociedad Latina
8. YMCA of Greater Boston
9. YMCA Community Hub Schools
10. YMCA Huntington Avenue Center
11. Boys and Girls Clubs of Boston
12. Youth Build Boston
13. Castle Square Tenants Organization
14. Academy of the Pacific Rim
15. East Boston High School
16. Bottom Line
17. College Advising Corps
18. Mission Hill Main Streets
19. Mission Hill Neighborhood Housing Services
20. Mission Main
21. Alice Taylor
22. Tobin Community Center
23. Red Sox Scholars
24. Girls Inc.
25. La Vida Scholars
26. PieR Squared
27. UMass Boston
28. Bunker Hill Community College
29. Roxbury Community College
30. Franklin Cummings Institute of Technology
31. BUILD Boston

BPS STRIVE Wentworth Training Program

1. Another Course To College
2. Boston Adult Technical Academy (BATA)
3. Boston Arts Academy
4. Boston Community Leadership Academy
5. Boston Day and Evening Academy Community Academy
6. Boston Green Academy

7. Boston International (English Learners)
8. Boston Latin Academy
9. Boston Latin School
10. Brighton Charlestown
11. Burke
12. Charlestown
13. Community Academy of Science & Health (CASH)
14. East Boston English Excel
15. Fenway
16. Greater Egleston
17. Horace Mann School for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
18. Kennedy Academy for Health Careers
19. Madison Park Tech. Voc.
20. McK. Elem.
21. McK. Prep
22. McK. South End Academy
23. McKinley Schools:
24. New Mission
25. O'Bryant School of Mathematics & Science
26. Quincy Upper
27. Snowden