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REPORT SUMMARY

Performance Audit

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*Developmental Education at Michigan Public
 Community Colleges*

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Developmental education courses teach academically underprepared students the skills that they need to succeed in college-level courses and provide learning strategies designed to improve or overcome any marked deficiencies in basic competencies, including a deficiency in content previously taught but not learned. Nationally, 42% of community college freshmen enroll in at least one developmental education course. All 28 Michigan community colleges offer developmental education courses.

Audit Objective:

To assess the effectiveness of Michigan public community colleges' efforts to promote an understanding of college readiness expectations and communicate them to high school administrators and students.

Audit Conclusion:

We concluded that Michigan public community colleges' efforts to promote an understanding of college readiness expectations and communicate them to high school administrators and students were moderately effective. Our report includes one reportable condition (Finding 1).

Reportable Condition:

Michigan public community colleges need to evaluate and enhance, as necessary, their efforts to clearly communicate their expectation of college readiness to high school administrators (Finding 1).

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Audit Objective:

To analyze and provide data regarding developmental education at Michigan public community colleges.

Audit Conclusion:

We analyzed and provided data regarding developmental education at Michigan public community colleges. Our report includes 2 observations and 12 exhibits related to this audit objective.

Observations:

Our analyses of data resulted in observations related to developmental education testing, placement, and enrollment policies and the need for developmental education (Observations 1 and 2).

Supplemental Information:

Our report provides analyses, data, and comparisons related to developmental education enrollments, policies, and expenditures (Exhibits 1 through 12).

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Agency Response:

Our audit report includes 1 finding and 1 corresponding recommendation. Each community college was provided an opportunity to indicate its agreement or disagreement with the recommendation and its position or plan to comply. The 14 community colleges' preliminary responses received indicate that they agree with the recommendation and have complied or have initiated actions to comply.

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A copy of the full report can be obtained by calling 517.334.8050 or by visiting our Web site at: <http://audgen.michigan.gov>



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