**POVERTY IS THE GREATEST BARRIER TO A DEGREE**

80% Jobs that require postsecondary education.

8% Students from the lowest income households, nationally, who complete a bachelor’s degree within 6 years of high school graduation.

**30%** MC STUDENTS WHO HAVE PELL GRANTS

$27,000 Average household income for Federal Pell grant recipients.

PELL IS NOT ENOUGH

$3,100 Total Cost Per Semester

-$2,400 Average Pell Per Semester

$700 Unmet Need Per Semester

FINANCIAL AID APPLICATIONS AT MC

UP 70%

DEBT LOAD UP 154% AT MC

FY09 TOTAL LOANS $8,474,567

FY14 TOTAL LOANS $21,604,689

PART TIME MAKES IT HARDER

ONLY 7.8% of part time students, nationally, complete an associate’s degree within 4 years of high school graduation.

65% OF MC STUDENTS ATTEND PART TIME

7,000 STUDENTS WHO QUALIFIED FOR GRANTS BUT DID NOT RECEIVE ONE DID NOT ENROLL AT MC

= 3 MCPS HIGH SCHOOLS

Walter Johnson High School + Clarksburg High School + Blair High School

Little or no financial aid for noncredit job training programs.

A GOOD INVESTMENT 77% of MC Grads stay local and enter the county workforce.

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