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MEMORANDUM

TO: Watertown School District Board Members

FROM: Dr. Jeff Danielsen, Superintendent

SUBJECT: Designation of Michael Cartney and Deb Shepherd, President Emeritus, Lake Area Technical College

Action Requested

The proposed resolution appoints Michael Cartney and Deb Shepherd, to the title of President Emeritus, Lake Area Technical College.

Resolution

I recommend that the Watertown School Board Members adopt the following resolution:

Whereas President Cartney and President Shepherd served successfully in their role as President of Lake Area Technical College.

Whereas Under President Cartney and President Shepherd's leadership, the College's reputation as a top-tier public institution grew both statewide and nationally, and has been recognized for high retention and graduation of students from historically underrepresented groups as well as first-generation and low-income students, with rates well above state and national averages for both public and private institutions.

Whereas President Cartney and President Shepherd have been strong advocates for the value of a technical education tailored to 21st century needs and job placement at the College, including securing millions in state and private funding to provide equipment and buildings on campus.

Whereas President Cartney and President Shepherd oversaw the most significant capital investment, renovations and building expansion in the College since the College opened.

Resolved that Michael Cartney and Deb Shepherd be designated President Emeritus of Lake Area Technical College in recognition of their past service effective January 9, 2023.