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ADOPTED – BOARD OF TRUSTEES
COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT NO. 508
OCTOBER 9, 2025

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT NO. 508
COUNTY OF COOK AND STATE OF ILLINOIS

RESOLUTION
APPLICATION FOR NEW PROGRAMS
MECHANICAL ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY
ADVANCED CERTIFICATE AND ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE
OFFICE OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS
RICHARD J DALEY COLLEGE

WHEREAS, new educational programs require approval of the Board of Trustees of Community College District 508, the Illinois Community College Board (ICCB) and the Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE); and

WHEREAS, an application for approval of the City Colleges of Chicago Mechanical Engineering Technology Advanced Certificate and Associate in Applied Science has been received and is under review by the Joint Curriculum Development Council for submission; and

WHEREAS, the Mechanical Engineering Technology programs at Richard J Daley College will expand opportunities in advanced manufacturing, automation, and sustainable design and prepare students for these high-demand roles by equipping them with the technical knowledge and hands-on experience needed to support design, testing, maintenance, and manufacturing operations; and

WHEREAS, labor market data shows strong demand for mechanical, electro-mechanical, and electrical and electronic engineering technologists and technicians, with a projected 137 annual openings in Cook County over the next 10 years, as well as entry-level wages between \$50,000 and \$60,000 annually.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Community College District No. 508, County of Cook and State of Illinois, hereby approves the submission of this program for permanent approval by the Illinois Community College Board and Illinois Board of Higher Education, pending completion of Proposed Academic Curriculum Changes (PACC) process per Academic Policy 9.02.

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