**Goal 1: Access & Affordability**

**System Initiatives:**

**Tuition Freeze:**
- Freeze on tuition for 12 out 14 years at all two-year colleges (FY08 – FY17, FY20-FY21).
- Regional 4-year campuses (Tech, MSUN, MSUN, and UMW) tuition frozen for 10 out of 14 years since FY08.
- MSU and UM, tuition frozen during 8 of the past 14 years.

**Regional Comparison 2018-19:** (avg. academic year tuition and fees for full-time students)
- MSU/UM = $7,260
- Regional Peers = $9,310
- MSUB, Tech, UMW, MSUN = $6,253
- Regional Peers = $7,642
- MUS 2-yr Colleges = $3,573
- Regional Peers = $3,889

**Financial Literacy:** Campuses in the MUS are taking a coordinated and collaborative approach toward decreasing student loan debt. Assisted by grant funds obtained by OCHE, efforts to educate and communicate to students and parents the various resources available for paying for college, as well as improving students' abilities to manage their own finances are now occurring on all MUS campus.

**Goal Statement**
Promote postsecondary education affordability

**Objective 1.3.1**
Decrease average loan amounts and the percentage of students borrowing

**Average Loan Amounts for MUS Bachelor’s Degree Recipients**
(no parent PLUS loans included; borrowing activity = 8 years prior to graduation; includes federal and non-federal loans)

**Objective 1.3.2**
Decrease tuition as a percentage of median household income

**Regional Tuition & Fees Comparison**
Ratio of Tuition & Fees to Median Household Income, 2018-19 (based on Academic Year Rates for First-time, Full-time Resident Students)

**Objective 1.3.3**
Increase the amount of state support as a percentage of total personal income relative to peer states and historical levels

**State Appropriations for Higher Education per $1,000 of Personal Income**

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