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A resolution approving an agreement between Middle Tennessee State University ("MTSU") and the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, by and through the Nashville Fire Department ("NFD"), to provide all qualifying employees with affordable access to degrees offered by MTSU.

WHEREAS, the agreement attached hereto and incorporated herein provides terms for NFD to partner with MTSU to offer reduced tuition for employees of NFD who are officially accepted and categorized as MTSU students; and,

WHEREAS, it is to the benefit of the citizens of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County that this agreement be approved.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT OF NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY:

Section 1. That the agreement by and between Middle Tennessee State University and the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, by and through the Nashville Fire Department, to provide all qualifying employees with affordable access to degrees offered by MTSU, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein, is hereby approved.

Section 2. That this resolution shall take effect from and after its final passage, the welfare of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County requiring it.

Analysis

This resolution approves an agreement between Middle Tennessee State University ("MTSU") and the Nashville Fire Department ("NFD") to offer reduced tuition and fees to NFD employees.

This program is open to all NFD employees. Students must meet the MTSU requirements for admission to the university and the Eligibility Verification of Entitlements Act. The tuition for the first course of degree seeking undergraduate program will be $200. Additional courses will have an 18% discount applied toward the undergraduate or graduate in-state tuition rate at the time of registration. The mandatory program service fee of $82 per credit hour will not apply to the first course but will be applied to any additional credit hour. The rates above do not include other non-mandatory fees charges, any online course fees, meal plan charges, room and board, etc.

The term of this agreement is two years and may be extended upon mutual agreement of the parties for up to three additional years. The agreement may be terminated by either party upon 30-days written notice, or the end of the academic year, whichever occurs first. Any students enrolled in the program at the time of termination would be eligible to receive educational services until they complete their courses of curricula or withdraw for enrollment.

Fiscal Note: There is no cost to Metro for the performance of this agreement.