

Initial results from State poll<sup>1</sup> on MI higher ed revealed admiration for **institutional quality** and variety, but room to improve **affordability and community services**



MI higher ed features **quality** institutions with **optionality**

- MI higher ed institutions are **renowned nationally**
- Community colleges offer **diverse coursework** catered to local labor needs
- **Superior job opportunities** result from MI postsecondary credential, certificate, or degree

“ We have access to many high-ranking institutions in Michigan

“ I like my chances after graduation



MI higher ed is **expensive** and **lacks supports**, esp. regionally

- **Costs perceived to be out of reach**, even after state scholarships and Pell Grants
- **Mental health supports** are inadequate, particularly in regional institutions, increasing equity gaps
- Students & parents both **lack information to navigate process**

“ Funding is inadequate to subsidize tuition fees

“ I dislike how expensive [higher ed] is

1. Fielded by Hilary Doe's team; n > 450, ages 18-65+, >50% born in MI