Students and society as a whole enjoy a range of benefits due to their educational investment in WCJC. A portion of these benefits accrues to state and local taxpayers in the form of higher tax receipts and a reduced demand for government-supported social services.

**WCJC INCREASES TAX REVENUE**

- Approximately 98% of WCJC’s students remain in Texas upon completing their educational goals. As students earn more, they pay higher taxes. Employers also pay higher taxes through their increased output and spending.

- Over the students’ working lives, state and local government in Texas will collect a present value of $135.2 million in the form of higher tax receipts.

**WCJC REDUCES GOVERNMENT COSTS**

- WCJC students who achieve higher levels of education are statistically less likely to have poor health habits, commit crimes, or claim welfare or unemployment benefits.

- The improved lifestyles of students result in a reduced demand for government-supported services. Better health leads to reduced health care costs. Reduced crime leads to a reduced burden on the criminal justice system. Further, increased employability leads to fewer claims for welfare and unemployment benefits.
As a result, taxpayers in the state of Texas will see a present value of $8 MILLION in savings to government over the students’ working careers.

WCJC IS A SOLID INVESTMENT FOR STATE AND LOCAL TAXPAYERS

- In FY 2012-13, state and local taxpayers in Texas paid $16.7 MILLION to support the operations of WCJC.
- For every $1 of public money spent on WCJC, taxpayers receive a cumulative return of $8.60 over the course of students’ working lives in the form of higher tax receipts and public sector savings.
- Taxpayers see an annual return of 20.5% on their investment in WCJC. This return compares favorably with the 1.1% discount rate used by the federal government to appraise long-term investments.

COMPARING TAXPAYER RATE OF RETURN TO DISCOUNT RATE

Discount rate WCJC

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