

## Massachusetts Commissioner of Higher Education, Richard Freeland Visits Massasoit Community College's Canton Campus

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Richard Freeland, Massachusetts Commissioner of Higher Education visited the Massasoit Community College Canton Campus on Wednesday, March 12. During his visit, the Commissioner toured the campus and viewed the extensive art collections. He met with President Wall and his Cabinet to discuss the Vision Project and other state initiatives as well as Massasoit's strong STEM programming, new math initiatives, and retention.

The Commissioner joined the Board of Trustees meeting for an interactive discussion about closing achievement gaps, retention, the challenge of remediation, and alumni engagement. He spoke of the challenge we all face as public higher education institutions to leverage our strength, show legislators and our communities a return on their investment, and to use efficient practices. The Commissioner's visit is part of a series of campus visits designed to improve communication and collaboration between state officials and campus leaders.



Massasoit Trustees and President Wall with Commissioner Freeland.

*Founded in 1966, in the heart of southeastern Massachusetts, Massasoit Community College is a public two-year college in the Massachusetts Public Higher Education System. It is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC), one of the six regional accrediting bodies in the United States. Many departments carry additional accreditations. The College offers a full spectrum of associate's degree programs in arts, sciences, and applied sciences as well as one year and short term certificates across a variety of occupations and interests. In addition the College offers corporate and job skills training courses.*