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

**MCC INCREASES TAX REVENUE**

- Approximately 99% of MCC’s students remain in Colorado 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 government in Colorado will collect a present value of $31.5 million in the form of higher tax receipts.

**MCC REDUCES GOVERNMENT COSTS**

- MCC 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 Colorado will see a present value of $1.9 million in savings to government over the students’ working careers.

**MCC IS A SOLID INVESTMENT FOR STATE TAXPAYERS**

- In FY 2015-16, state taxpayers in Colorado paid $7.5 million to support the operations of MCC.

- For every $1 of public money spent on MCC, taxpayers receive a cumulative return of $4.50 over the course of students’ working lives in the form of higher tax receipts and public sector savings.

- Taxpayers see an average annual internal rate of return on their investment in MCC. This return compares favorably with the 0.7% discount rate used by the federal government to appraise long-term investments.

**SUMMARY OF THE TAXPAYER INVESTMENT**

- **Benefit-cost ratio**: 4.5
- **Rate of return**: 10.2%