

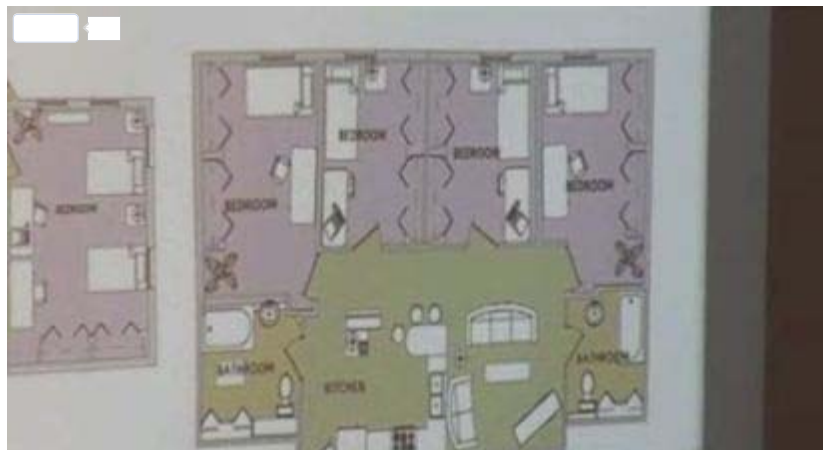
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BCC considering on-campus housing

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Broome Community College could soon be joining the list of schools in New York State that offer on-campus housing to students. The university recently conducted a study to find out if there is a demand. As our Elyse Mickalonis tells us, the results provided a pretty clear answer.



BROOME COUNTY, N.Y. -- It's a growing trend across the state: Community colleges offering on-campus housing to students.

"Over 30 percent, closer to 40 percent of community colleges now have housing and I believe more than half are in the state of New York," said Jeffrey Turner, Brailsford and Dunlavey Senior VP.

Broome Community College may be the next school to offer that opportunity to students. The university shared the findings of a feasibility study on Tuesday. It found students are showing a strong interest in having housing.

"It showed a demand of 300 beds for on-campus housing for BCC students," said Turner.

Kevin Drumm, BCC President, added, "Many of our local students are going away, because they want to live in a residence hall. Many students that tell us if we had housing they would go to Broome."

President Kevin Drumm says student housing would benefit the college and area.

"It would be a major economic boost for this section of Front Street. Virtually no impact on traffic in the area, but with 300 new residents

living in this area, it would have a tremendous economic boost," said Drumm.

President Drumm says the decision to move forward could be made as early as this fall. Organizers say they hope to open residence halls by 2014.

Offering more to keep students local.

The college will decide during the second or third week in September as to whether or not they'll move ahead with housing. If they choose not to, they will have throughout the winter to do more research and vote again in the spring.

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