



To: Members of the Ways and Means Subcommittee on Capital Construction
From: PCC Sylvania Campus President Dr. Lisa Avery
Re: Health and Education PSU/PCC Joint Venture
Date: May 12th, 2017

Dear Members of the Ways and Means Subcommittee on Capital Construction,

During the 2013 legislative session Portland Community College was approved \$8,000,000 to construct or purchase and remodel a facility housing our Dental Hygiene, Dental Assisting, Dental Lab Technology, and Radiography programs. During our exploration stage we also looked at many options to relocate the program closer to OHSU because PCC's dental program has a strong partnership with the OHSU School of Dentistry. PCC students spend time with the OHSU students in interprofessional training that allows the fourth year dentistry students to simulate a practice setting with a full oral health team and closer proximity would allow this needed training to take place more seamlessly.

As part of our research we began having conversations with Portland State University about a potential new building they are planning to build. PSU and PCC have strong partnerships in many areas and co-locating with them in a building is an exciting opportunity for PCC, our students, and the region. We have been meeting with PSU, OHSU, and the City of Portland for over a year collaborating on this partnership. To date we have an agreed-upon draft development agreement and programming study completed. This is a large 8-10 story building in downtown Portland and PCC will own its floor. This building is now known as the Health and Education Center that will be located on 4th and Montgomery, a short distance away from our program's current location.

PCC secured our match funding for the project. OHSU and the City of Portland have their funding in place for the project. The last step is for PSU to receive their funding, hopefully this session with your support. Once PSU receives approval then the project will rapidly begin moving forward.

The project is scheduled for fall 2020 completion. Together we can streamline multi-institution education. This joint venture will improve the continuity of care as we refer high need cases to OHSU. We urge your support of the 2017 SB 5505 PSU request for the Health and Education Building.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Lisa Avery
President
PCC Sylvania Campus