

Sen. Fred Girod
Rep. Paul Holvey
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Re: Capital Construction SB 5505

Greetings, Senator Girod and Representative Holvey,

I'm writing to you today to ask your support of Clackamas Community College's DeJardin/Pauling Science Center project. I ask that you continue to demonstrate your support by helping fund CCC's construction projects, which directly affect student retention and success.

I am a volunteer currently serving as Chair of the Clackamas Community College Budget Committee, and on the Clackamas Community College Bond Project Citizen Oversight Committee, which helps oversee the implementation of Bond Measure 3-447, approved by voters in 2014. The \$90-million bond measure is being used to update and expand college classrooms and labs and modernize equipment to meet industry standards. Bond funds are leveraged with state matching funds to accomplish the goals of the projects.

Students are benefitting now from the bond projects before they are even completed. Under CCC's Student Applied and Integrated Learning program, architects, contractors, subcontractors and members of the project team are involving students in their project work. Opportunities include internships, mentorships, job shadowing, presentations and site walks.

This biennium, the college is asking for \$8 million in matching funds for its DeJardin/Pauling Science Complex.

The current science facility is 35-years-old and has only one chemistry lab for 28,000 students. The outdated and limited labs even beyond chemistry contribute to class overcrowding and long wait lists, which both contribute to increased student time to completion and lower retention.

New labs will expose students to modern, industry standard, scientific work environments, which are similar to what they will find when they transfer to a university or enter the world of water/wastewater public facilities or testing laboratories in the medical community. The addition of student collaboration spaces will support the STEM majors and student-led projects through the STEM Club.

This project will serve all science and allied health majors. It will double the current chemistry lab capacity, accommodating an additional 250 chemistry students a year. Additional biology classes will be offered due to efficient prep space and maker/collaboration spaces will expand opportunities for partnership research.

Please continue to support Clackamas Community College students by approving matching funds for the DeJardin/Pauling Science Complex.

Sincerely,



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