Dear Neighbors:

Cabrillo College serves a vital role in our community providing high quality, affordable college education and job training to local students, veterans, and foster youth. The cost of attending a public university in California has increased dramatically. As a result, more local students are choosing Cabrillo College for an affordable education, on their way to a four-year degree.

Our community college provides excellent training that prepares students to successfully transfer to UC and CSU schools and prepare for high demand careers.

However, many of our 1960’s buildings, classrooms and equipment are deteriorating and outdated. We need to upgrade our outdated technology, classrooms, labs and facilities so that we can continue to offer the high caliber of education our students deserve.

Cabrillo College does not have the facility and infrastructure funds to address critical community needs, including:

- Repairing deteriorating gas, electrical, and sewer line systems
- Improving water conservation efforts
- Improving handicapped accessibility
- Upgrading and enlarging classrooms/labs for transfer courses, science, technology, engineering, arts and math-related fields
- Upgrading technology infrastructure for classroom instruction and online education

Funding for these needs will create flexible, accessible and high technology learning spaces that will help students prepare for transfer to four-year universities and prepare for high paying careers.

One potential option we are considering to address these needs is an education bond measure. We are encouraged by the strong support we see in the community for continuing to improve Cabrillo College, and we are developing a fiscally prudent plan and finalizing educational project priorities.

Sincerely,

Dr. Laurel Jones
Superintendent and President
Cabrillo College
Cabrillo College

Addressing Affordable Education Needs for College Transfer and Job Training

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What is the issue?
A: The cost to attend California’s public universities has risen to at least six times that of attending a community college. As a result, more local students and their families rely on Cabrillo College to save tens of thousands of dollars. Additional funds are needed to increase opportunities for local students to earn college credits, certifications, and job skills at a reasonable price and transfer to four-year colleges and universities.

Q: How can Cabrillo continue to successfully prepare students for transfer to four-year colleges and universities?
A: Cabrillo College provides excellent training that prepares students to successfully transfer to four-year colleges and universities to complete their Bachelor’s degrees. It is ranked #1 in transfers to UC Santa Cruz and #2 in transfers to CSU Monterey Bay. Additionally Cabrillo has an 80% transfer rate to UCLA for its honors scholars and a 90% transfer rate to UC Berkeley. By upgrading our outdated technology and classrooms, and providing space for more high demand classes in science and math, Cabrillo can continue to offer this caliber of education.

Q: What about quality job training?
A: Cabrillo College provides essential job training and workforce preparation for students, veterans, and local residents. To keep up with the changing economy, classrooms, labs and facilities need to be upgraded to provide students with up-to-date technology and expand access to training programs that help them learn new skills and find better paying jobs in jobs in business, technology, nursing and other high demand careers.

Q: What do our Military Veterans need?
A: Cabrillo College continues to serve military veterans, many of whom have recently returned from war zones and face challenges including post-traumatic stress disorder and permanent disability. We need to upgrade and expand veteran services and job training so returning Service Members receive the support they need to complete their education and enter the civilian workforce.
Q: **How can the College address these needs?**  
A: We are working to develop a fiscally responsible plan to present to the community. One potential option we are considering is a local education bond measure. A recently commissioned independent survey shows as much as 76% of respondents would support such a measure for the June 2016 ballot. Any measure would include tough accountability requirements such as annual financial and performance audits and an independent Citizens Oversight Committee.

Q: **How would additional funding help?**  
A: Additional facility/infrastructure funds would be used to address community priorities that include:
- Preparing students to transfer to four-year universities
- Preparing students for good-paying careers
- Repairing deteriorating gas, electrical, and sewer line systems
- Improving water conservation efforts
- Improving handicapped accessibility
- Upgrading and enlarging classrooms/labs for transfer courses, science, technology, engineering, arts and math-related fields
- Upgrading technology infrastructure for classroom instruction and online education

**Getting More Information**

To learn more about these issues, or to request a more in-depth presentation to your community group, please contact Kristin Fabos at 831-479-6158 or by email at krfabos[at]cabrillo.edu. If you have any specific questions please contact Cabrillo College Superintendent/President Dr. Laurel Jones by phone at 831-479-6306 or by email at bondinfo[at]cabrillo.edu.