CABRILLO
Campus renovation to go forward

Work on Building 8 to be finished by the time spring quarter starts

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APTOS — Work will begin next month to relocate the administrative services and student services programs at the Cabrillo College campus in Aptos ahead of a $2 million renovation project on Building 8.

Once complete, the office of the president and vice president of instruction will be located at the student activity center west, while the administrative services office will move across Soquel Drive, according to Kristin Fabos, director of marketing and communications at Cabrillo College. The move is expected to take about a month to complete, she said, and should be wrapped up by the start of the spring quarter on Feb. 6.

Meanwhile, the Cabrillo College Governing Board unanimously voted at its meeting Monday to authorize a contract with San Jose-based RMW Architecture for design work on the renovations. When board member Gary Reece questioned how that company came to be chosen, he was told RMW was awarded the contract because the company was already familiar with the campus because of previous renovation projects.

Funding will come from a $1.3 million grant the board received in October from the federal Department of Education. Those funds are meant to increase the number of Latino students in its so-called STEM fields — science, technology, engineering and mathematics — by offering new programs and building up existing services.

Some of the funds from the five-year federal grant will also be used to pay for a summer program that highlights industries where STEM skills are needed, while other funds will go toward building a center that offers support for students enrolled in those programs.

In other business, Cabrillo’s annual fact book, which includes infor-