You’re Invited

Please join us at our upcoming online board meeting where the Monterey Peninsula College Board of Trustees will consider placing a local college improvement bond measure on the November 2020 ballot.

Date:    July 22, 2020
Time:    4:00 PM
How to Join Online: Board meetings are open to the public via Zoom. The link to access the online meeting can be found at www.mpc.edu/boardmeeting.

For more information about the potential college improvement measure, you can visit www.mpc.edu/potentialmeasure.
Dear Neighbor,

MPC is an important community and economic resource, providing high-quality, affordable education to local students, generating millions of dollars per year for the local economy and educating the community’s essential workers and first responders. However, upgrades to college facilities, classrooms and technology are needed to provide students with the career training necessary for in-demand jobs and the quality, affordable education students need to be able to transfer to the Cal State or UC system. These upgrades have become increasingly necessary over the years and are especially essential now to keep our students safe, support online learning and continue providing a modern education.

Community-Driven Solution

MPC recently conducted a survey asking residents to share their priorities for Monterey Peninsula College. The feedback received has helped us understand your priorities for MPC and how to best address them. As seen in the graph below, residents’ top priorities included repairs to deteriorating roofs, plumbing and electrical systems and upgrades to career training facilities and technology.

Local Funding to Maintain Quality, Affordable Education

In order to make the facilities improvements necessary to continue providing quality, affordable higher education, the MPC Board of Trustees is considering placing a local funding measure on the November 3, 2020 ballot to address facilities needs at MPC. A measure would cost property owners $20 per $100,000 of assessed (not market) value annually, or approximately $97 per year for the typical homeowner while bonds are outstanding.

Fiscal Accountability and Independent Oversight

- A project list, Citizens’ Oversight Committee and independent audits would be required
- All funds raised by a potential measure would stay local and no funds could be taken away by the State
- By law, no money from this measure could be spent on administrators’ salaries or pensions
- If approved, a potential measure would help MPC qualify for up to $250 million in state matching funds

Potential Local Funding Measure to Upgrade MPC

The MPC Board of Trustees is considering placing a $250 million college improvement bond measure on the November 3, 2020 ballot to address facilities needs at MPC. A measure would cost property owners $20 per $100,000 of assessed (not market) value annually, or approximately $97 per year for the typical homeowner while bonds are outstanding.

If approved by 55% of local voters, a local measure could:

- Repair leaky roofs, old rusty plumbing and dry rotted beams, replace faulty electrical systems to improve energy efficiency and upgrade facilities so the College can operate in a more environmentally sustainable way
- Keep computer systems and instructional technology up-to-date
- Upgrade classrooms and labs to help local students complete the first two years of college affordably and transfer to the Cal State or UC system
- Upgrade classrooms and career training facilities for science, technology, engineering, math, computer science, healthcare, hospitality and nursing
- Make the computer and technology upgrades needed for students to be able to take classes, listen to lectures and complete assignments online

Survey responses reflect projects that were marked as high or medium priority and were collected through July 10, 2020. You can still take the survey online at www.mpc.edu/potentialmeasure.

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Interim Superintendent/President

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