Academic Facility and Technology Upgrade Projects to Help Students and Veterans be Trained for Good Jobs

Because it is extremely hard to get a job in today’s economy, Mt. San Jacinto College must provide the essential job training and workforce preparation skills students need to succeed in today’s highly competitive job market. Measure AA will expand local education in nursing, science, technology, engineering, and math to meet the needs of our local and regional employers and help attract more high paying jobs and businesses to our region.

Mt. San Jacinto College has served thousands of military veterans, many who have recently returned from war zones and face challenges including post-traumatic stress disorder and permanent disabilities. The College is a national leader in helping returning veterans reintegrate with their education and careers, and this Measure will 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.

- Upgrade and expand facilities for career training in well-paying careers and transfer to universities.
- Expand course opportunities to increase enrollment, classrooms, and instructional facilities in nursing, emergency responder, criminal justice, vocational job training, and other core academic classes.
- Expand facilities for veterans to provide career training and support services to returning veterans seeking training or retraining to reenter the workforce.
- Upgrade outdated science, math, and computer labs and expand College facilities providing instruction in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM).
- Install additional technology infrastructure to improve computer technology and Internet access.
- Upgrade outdated job-training classrooms, labs, and equipment to provide all students with opportunities to learn job skills.
- Upgrade support facilities for currently active military personnel.
- Upgrade and replace existing information technology infrastructure and network systems to improve efficiency and increase capacity.
- Upgrade and expand telecommunications, Internet, and network connections.
- Upgrade and build academic buildings to expand classrooms for career training in science, medical, public safety, and other in-demand jobs.
- Upgrade and replace technology, computers, hardware, and systems used for job training and retraining programs.

Repair and Construction Projects to Provide Greater Access to an Affordable Education

Since the cost of attending a public university has risen to as much as six (6) times that of attending Mt. San Jacinto College, students rely on Mt. San Jacinto to save as much as $35,000 in tuition on their way to a four-year degree. Therefore, keeping Mt. San Jacinto’s facilities upgraded will best serve all local students, military and veterans who can earn college credits, certificates, and job skills at a reasonable price:

- Ensure buildings are accessible for the disabled.
- Upgrade aging roofs, bathrooms and disabled accessibility, repair floors, walkways, lighting, and electrical systems.
- Construct more classroom space.
- Remove asbestos.
- Upgrade campus facilities to provide improved access, including road and parking upgrades to improve safety, access, and traffic flow.
- Improve heating, ventilation, insulation, doors, lighting, and windows to increase energy efficiency and save money.
- Upgrade outdated electrical systems and wiring for computer technology and Internet access.
- Renovate, repair or replace outdated laboratories, classrooms, training centers, and support facilities.
- Upgrade and replace classroom instructional equipment.
- Improve student safety, emergency preparedness, and security systems, including lighting, fencing, smoke detectors, fire alarms and sprinklers, and gas and sewer lines.

For more information, please visit www.msjc.edu/MeasureAA
Dear Neighbor:

After extensive planning and input from community leaders, employers, faculty, and staff, the Mt. San Jacinto Community College District Board of Trustees voted to place Measure AA, the Mt. San Jacinto College Affordable Education and Job Training Measure, before voters on November 4, 2014.

Measure AA includes strict Fiscal Accountability requirements, including a project list, independent annual audits, and an expanded Independent Citizens’ Oversight Committee with representatives from taxpayer, business, and senior citizen organizations, among others. If approved by voters, this $295 million Measure would cost property owners approximately $13.20/year per $100,000 of assessed – not market – property value.

For additional information, including the full project list specifying benefits to all regions of the district, impartial analysis, and tax rate statement, please visit – www.msjc.edu/MeasureAA.

Sincerely,

Roger W. Schultz
Superintendent/President

MEASURE AA: MT. SAN JACINTO COLLEGE AFFORDABLE EDUCATION AND JOB TRAINING

“To expand college buildings serving four-year university transfer, veterans’ education, and career training, by expanding career/support facilities for veterans/military, ensuring buildings are accessible for the disabled, upgrading nursing, emergency responder, criminal justice, vocational job training classrooms, updating science labs, electrical systems, technology infrastructure, acquiring, constructing, and repairing classrooms, facilities, sites/equipment, shall Mt. San Jacinto Community College District issue $295,000,000 in bonds at legal rates with annual financial audits, citizens’ oversight of funds, all funds remaining local?”

☐ Bonds – Yes  ☐ Bonds – No