



Opening Doors for Student Success!

Mendocino College Bond Implementation Planning Committee - March 15, 2007

Bond Ratings & NY, NY

Superintendent/President Kathy Lehner and Vice President of Administrative Services Tom Kesey went to New York City to make presentations to Standard & Poors and



Moody's to obtain a rating for our bond. We obtained very favorable ratings of A and A1 respectively. As is customary, insurance against the bond will be purchased to increase the ratings to AAA. The first \$30 million bond series will be issued on March 29. Some of the funds will be expended immediately for project costs, while remaining funds

will be invested to earn interest. The Preliminary Official Statement regarding our first Bond issue is available on the web site at www.mendocino.edu/bond.

CBOC Meets March 27

The first meeting of the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, March 27, 2007, 6:30-8:00 PM, in the Board Room. This meeting will be an organizational meeting to set future meeting dates, establish individual terms of office and elect committee officers. Bond counsel David Casnocha, an attorney with the law firm of Stradling Yocca Carlson and Rauth of San Francisco, will be reviewing the purpose and responsibilities of the CBOC. This committee operates under the Brown Act and the public is invited.

Program Manager Review

On March 8, Superintendent/President Kathy Lehner, Director of Facilities Mike Adams, Director of Fiscal Services Eileen Cichocki and Director of Public Information & Marketing Ross Beck did site visits for two program management firms still under consideration: Kitchell at Solano Community College in Fairfield and

Parsons/3DI at Berkeley High School. They met with the project firms and staff at the two schools to get their perspective on the success of their projects. A decision regarding which firm to work with and which projects they will be involved with will be made by the end of March.

IIS Project Update

Director of Computing Services Karen Christopherson reports that proposals for our new Integrated Information System were received by the March 9 deadline. Scripts have been completed to guide vendor demonstrations scheduled to occur in April and May. Consultants Strata Information Group have been retained to assist in the development of criteria and processing of proposals. The final vendor selection is scheduled for July or August, following Board of Trustee approval.

L/LRC Project Update

Dean of Instruction Mark Rawitsch reports the Library/Learning Resource Committee has met with consultant Will Baty and TLCD architect Alan Butler. A meeting to develop the initial diagrams for our needs and establish what we qualify for from the state is next. Early plans proposed for the L/LRC include approximately 4,500 sq. ft. of classroom space, a language lab and faculty offices in addition to the library and the learning center. Rawitsch compliments everyone involved for the quick work. Butler is pleased with results as we are "where we need to be" to meet the July deadline for the Final Project Proposal (FPP). Actual square footage for each area and layout details will be developed over the next two years.

Student Services Project Update

Dean of Student Services Donald Moore reports that there have been two meetings to outline flow of student needs and space allocation requirements. Next step is to meet with a TLCD architect for design work. There will be no structural changes, only reallocation of office space. Room 1200 has been removed from classroom usage and will become part of the new Student Services area. This project is expected to be completed this summer.