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**WEST KERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT**

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Taft, CA 93268

Attention: Dr. Debra Daniels, Superintendent and President



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# Q&A TAFT COLLEGE Facilities Needs Assessment Process

## **What is this significant project all about?**

Taft College students, including our returning veterans, need and want greater access to university level courses. A college facilities bond will provide funding for facilities and technology to deliver that access. Our students and community will benefit from repaired and upgraded dental hygiene, science, technology, engineering, math, petroleum and other job training facilities and classrooms.

## **How do better facilities improve instruction and job training at Taft College?**

Repairing and upgrading Taft College educational facilities will allow the College to continue and enhance its mission to prepare students for transfer to 4-year universities and enter or re-enter the workforce with the skills necessary for good paying jobs.

## **Doesn't the District have a budget for facilities maintenance?**

Taft College maintenance and operations staff work hard to keep college facilities safe and in adequate working condition with limited resources. However after decades of constant use,

the College requires repairs and upgrades that far exceed its available maintenance budget.

## **What about job training?**

This measure will ensure that Taft College can continue to provide quality, affordable career education programs for those who choose not to go on to a 4-year college, but need real-world skills and vocational training to compete for local jobs.

## **How can I be assured that the bond will be spent properly?**

All funds raised would stay local to support Taft College facility improvements. These funds cannot be taken by the State or spent on administrators' salaries. An Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee is required to ensure funds are spent properly.

## **I'm not in college, why does this matter to me?**

Quality higher education and job training facilities at Taft College will help property values and enhance the local quality of life. As facilities are improved, our local economy will also get a needed boost.

**For more information**

call us at: **(661) 763-7700** or visit: **[www.TaftCollege.edu](http://www.TaftCollege.edu)**



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# **CAMPUS FACILITIES UPDATE**

## **PLEASE READ!**

To provide students, veterans  
and residents better college and  
job training facilities.

# **SURVEY INSIDE**

***Your opinion is important to us.***



# TAFT COLLEGE

WEST KERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

January 2018

Dear Taft Community:

For 96 years Taft College has been a valuable community resource, providing generations of local residents, students and returning veterans access to an affordable high quality college education. In addition, the college has provided training for higher paying skilled jobs, as well as preparation for transfer to 4-year universities.

After decades of constant use, Taft College is aging and requires attention. Outdated academic and job-training classrooms and labs for dental hygiene, science, technology, engineering, math and petroleum need upgrading. Deteriorated roofs, plumbing, heating, ventilation and electrical system capacity, must be repaired or replaced. The College also needs ongoing technology upgrades to keep pace as a 21st century teaching and learning environment.

Taft College has developed a comprehensive Facilities Master Plan to guide the College's future. To fund identified needs, the District has explored all available options – including our own budget, state and federal matching funds, grants, and local public funding. We are now considering asking our community to support a local facilities bond.

**We want to hear from you.** West Kern Community College District welcomes input from our Taft community. Please take a moment to complete and return the attached response card, or express your views online at: [www.taftcollege.edu/facilitiesurvey](http://www.taftcollege.edu/facilitiesurvey)

Thank you. Your opinions are important to us.

Sincerely,

Dr. Debra Daniels

*Superintendent and President*



# Our Primary Focus:



**1 PREPARING STUDENTS.**  
Taft college serves students looking to transfer to 4-year colleges and universities.

**2 WORKFORCE TRAINING.**  
We provide direct job and career training in high-demand fields like dental hygiene, early child education, science, technology and many others.



**3 COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT.**  
Taft College is an important resource for the community, providing training for students of all ages who need higher-paying or skilled jobs.



**4 IMPROVING EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES FOR VETERANS.**  
Taft College serves veterans transitioning from service to career.

Learn more at:

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# SURVEY:

**Your opinion matters!**

Online survey at: [www.taftcollege.edu/facilitiesurvey](http://www.taftcollege.edu/facilitiesurvey)

Please rank these Taft College priorities in order of their importance to you (1 = most important, 8 = least important).

▶ **IMPROVING** the quality of education at Taft College.

▶ **PREPARING** students to transfer to 4-year colleges and universities.

▶ **IMPROVING** educational resources for veterans.

▶ **FIXING** leaky roofs.

▶ **REPAIRING** deteriorating gas, electrical and sewer lines.

▶ **REMOVING** asbestos and lead paint.

▶ **IMPROVING** campus safety.

▶ **OTHER:**

Comments or questions:

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