

## **President's Report March 2022**

### **Covid-19**

Our campuses are back to 100% open with no masking protocols in place. It is our expectation to maintain this status going forward. However, we will make adjustments should the environment call for them.

### **Maintenance**

We have received the bids for the Witt HVAC replacement project. Staff is analyzing the bids and will have a recommendation at the board meeting.

LEA Modular building is in construction process. Bids for the site work will be scheduled for the April Board meeting.

Groundbreaking ceremonies with Union Pacific are tentatively scheduled for April 29<sup>th</sup> at the Chittim Technical Center.

We have received the roof bids from the State approved vendors:

La Forge Hall – LBK Roofing \$398, 311 (low bid)

Building C Eagle Pass – LBK Roofing \$396,970 (low bid)

Both have been authorized to proceed.

We have tabled the 2<sup>nd</sup> modular due to excessive cost estimates (approximately double the cost of the 1<sup>st</sup> modular building). We have asked our Financial Advisers to analyze our bond restructure plan to evaluate our capacity to build a permanent facility to possible house all of our allied health programs. We will continue working towards this end and hope to have a report ready for the board at the April Board meeting to see in which direction we want to move.

### **Scholarships**

We have an agenda item asking for the board's consideration of allocating \$100,000 per year in scholarship from the McKenzie Scott gift.

## **Grants**

We are waiting to hear on our Good Jobs Challenge Grant to the Economic Development Administration (U.S. Department of Commerce) of approximately \$19 million. This grant would fund the startup expenses for the following programs:

- Physical Therapy Assistants Program
- Medical Lab Tech Program
- Power Line Tech Program Expansion to Del Rio
- Heavy Equipment Operator Program
- Diesel Tech Expansion to Uvalde
- Aviation General Program Uvalde
- Aviation Power Plant Program Del Rio
- Expand Workforce Training programs throughout our service area
- Sub Grant to Sul Ross for an expansion of Cyber Security Bachelors Program, and Health Information Bachelors Program in our service area
- Sub Grant to Middle Rio Grande to provide additional wrap around services for students

Board Packets – Please excuse our thin board packets, with staff being out for spring break next week, we are mailing our board packets a week early. We will have supplemental material at the board meeting for some of the items.

## **Upcoming Meeting/Events**

3/14-18	Spring Break
3/24	March Board Meeting
4/6-8	Texas Pathways Institute
4/21	April Board Meeting
4/29	Diesel Upgrade Groundbreaking – Chittim Center EP
5/13-14	Commencement Ceremonies
5/19	May Board Meeting