President's CoCo Update
April 14, 2023

Spring In-Service
OCCC's Spring 2023 In-Service is scheduled for **Friday, April 21st**, at the Newport Campus. For all employees to participate all College buildings will be closed to the public. The Agenda is in your Paylocity Portal. The All-College portion of the day is 8-2:00 PM, followed by area/department meetings.

College Strategic Plan 2023-2028 Final
The CSP is final, a 4-page document describing: the 5-year strategic priorities, Year 1 (23-24) supporting initiatives, executive summary, and basic information about OCCC. It can be viewed on the Planning section of the College Website

Bond Update
The Board of Education and College Leadership had to make the difficult decision to delay our Bond measure. Rather than May 2023, expect to see the measure on a later election, most likely May 2024 (pending Board approval). This change is only to the timeline, our goal of expanding Trades Education and building the new Center for Trades Education has not waivered. The delay is due to late emerging uncertainty regarding the State match of $8 million, we learned just before the final deadline that our state match could not be assured until the end of the current legislative session (est. June 30). We have filed the needed paperwork for the reauthorization, and Representative Gomberg is advocating for us as well. We look forward to additional months with great resolve and continue to plan robust community presentations and engagement so that public investments in education and trades have the greatest impacts possible and meet the needs of the communities we serve.

Highlights of Board Agenda (April 19)

- **Tuition & Fees Recommendation**: Increases of $2.00 tuition, $5.00 fees (1st increase in 3 years)
- **INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT:** Each year, OCCC completes an independent audit of our financials and accounting practices. Results are presented to the Board of Education, which has final fiscal responsibility for the College. The 2021-2022 audit was just completed and resulted in what's known as a "clean audit." The full audits are available on our website.
- **Potential Master Garden Agreement at OCCC Waldport:** The Master Gardeners have long operated a community garden in Yachats, which has also served in some ways as a demonstration garden. The Yachats property is no longer available, and the garden is forced to move to another south-county location. Our South County Center affords the garden up to 13,000 square feet of land in full sun. Organizers plan (upon approval by the BOE) to develop not only the re-located community garden but also plant fruit trees for demonstration purposes, and to hold periodic classes and meetings inside the South County Center.