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Co-Chairs:

Oregon's 17 Community Colleges are requesting capital funding in a range between \$10-15 million to address campus safety and security infrastructure needs made more urgent by the incident at Umpqua Community College.

With most buildings constructed in the 60s and 70s, community college facilities were not designed with these types of mass shooting incidents in mind. Many colleges lack basic necessities for such an event such as doors that lock from the inside or up-to-date public address (PA) systems.

In college districts across Oregon, our communities, students, faculty and staff are anxious to see safety needs addressed as soon as possible. A modest capital investment by the legislature would provide a critical starting point for campuses to begin to address security needs on their campuses.

Currently, college leaders are receiving advice from a national campus safety consultant to help prioritize security needs on each campus. The initial work done for this process lead OCCA to the range of \$10-15 million, and when that process concludes in mid-January, colleges will have a finalized list to provide for your consideration.

We look forward to discussing this issue further.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Andrea Henderson".

Andrea Henderson  
Executive Director

cc:

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