

CHABOT-LAS POSITAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

October 20, 2015

Agenda Item: 4.6

Subject: Approval of Career Technical Education (CTE) Employment Outcomes Survey Agreement – Santa Rosa Junior College, Chabot College and Las Positas College

Background: The Career Technical Education (CTE) Employment Outcomes Survey will gather information on employment outcomes for students participating in our CTE programs, including whether students became employed within their field of study, if their community college coursework positively affected their earning potential, and how CTE programs can be improved.

Program completers and skills builders from the 2015-16 cohort will be surveyed using email, U.S. mail, and phone calling for those not reached by email or U.S. mail. Completers are those who completed a CTE certificate or degree. Skills builders are those students who completed at least 9 units of CTE courses by the end of 2014-15 and then did not enroll in 2015-16.

The survey has been and will continue to be administered by Santa Rosa Junior College. Over 50 colleges participated in the survey last year. The 28-college Bay Area Community College Consortium (BACCC) is utilizing CTE Enhancement Funds to cover the survey costs for all member colleges so there will be no costs to LPC or the District.

Data from the survey has proven to be valuable to colleges in a number of ways. Job placement and wage progression data has shown that students who complete courses, but do not complete certificates or degrees, still receive substantial economic benefit. The data has helped deepen appreciation for the role community colleges play in upgrading the skills of the workforce. CTE programs have used the data for program planning purposes, to guide program improvement efforts, and to inform students of outcomes they can expect when they complete programs. The data has also proven to be very useful in accreditation self-studies.

Great care is taken in conducting the survey to ensure that student responses are confidential. Results are aggregated at the program level and made available in a variety of ways at the college, regional and state level. This enables college researchers, faculty, and administrators to review and analyze data for their own programs and to compare it with data from similar programs at other colleges. It is hoped that the sharing of data will help colleges better understand how to work together to serve regional labor markets and facilitate identification and sharing of effective practices.

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Recommended Action: That the Board of Trustees approves the proposed Agreement for Career Technical Education (CTE) Employment Outcomes Survey between Santa Rosa Junior College, Chabot College and Las Positas College for academic year 2015-16 ending September 1, 2016. It is further recommended that the Board authorize the Vice Chancellor, Business Services, to execute the agreement on behalf of the District.

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