



October 13, 2009

Central Oregon Community College
2600 NW College Way
Bend, OR 97701

Dear Dr. Middleton,

Mountain View Hospital Board of Directors is in support of the efforts of Central Oregon Community College and the bond initiative that will be on the November 2009 ballot.

The Board of Directors believes that education is a component of a healthy and prosperous community. COCC's role in the economy of Central Oregon and the opportunities it provides for post-secondary education are vital for our region.

Education is the primary source of creating a valuable workforce. Workforce training programs create skilled workers that can, and presently do, fill a variety of employment opportunities in this region (including health care).

As our region continues to struggle to keep up with the demands for qualified health care workers, the additional labs, student learning space, clinics and classrooms for health career programs are welcomed and needed.

With the bond measure funding a new outreach campus building in Madras, it will provide an opportunity for Jefferson County students to begin their education closer to home. Research clearly suggests that those who are trained in the regions they reside tend to remain in those communities.

Therefore, please accept this letter as full support of the bond measure.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Eric Buckland". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Eric" and last name "Buckland" clearly legible.

Eric Buckland, CEO