MEASURE A
DELIVERING ON THE PROMISE

Since passage of a General Obligation Bond (Measure A) in 2004, Taft College has embarked on an ambitious effort to update and enhance existing facilities, build new instructional spaces and complete a new Master Plan for the campus. Shown below are the projects which have been completed or are in progress through the Measure A General Obligation Bond:

**CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER**
- Status: Completed January 2008
- District/Measure A: $895,823
- Other Grants: $266,800
- State/Other: $2,722,000
- Total: $3,884,623

**REMODEL FOR EFFICIENCY (RFE – Admin/ Student Services/ Library-LRC)**
- Status: Completed March 2009
- District/Measure A: $11,251,624
- State/Other: $7,975,000
- Total: $19,226,624

**SCIENCE MODERNIZATION**
- Status: Completed June 2009
- District/Measure A: $2,385,922
- State/Other: $2,741,000
- Total: $5,126,922

**M&O FACILITY/CDC PARKING LOT IMPROVEMENTS**
- Status: Completed November 2010
- District/Measure A: $3,129,537
- State/Other: N/A
- Total: $3,129,537

**TECH ARTS MODERNIZATION**
- Status: Completed June 2012
- District/Measure A: $1,443,151
- State/Other: $4,430,000
- Total: $5,873,151

**TECHNOLOGY UPGRADES**
- Status: On-going
- District/Measure A: $4,150,000
- State/Other: N/A
- Total: $4,150,000

**CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING (CIL)**
- Status: Completed September 2013
- District/Measure A: $4,531,000
- State/Other: $10,541,000
- Total: $15,072,000

**DORM MODERNIZATION**
- Status: Under Construction
- District/Measure A: $1,368,350
- State/Other: $582,000
- Total: $1,950,350

**STUDENT CENTER**
- Status: In Design
- District/Measure A: $11,038,319
- State/Other: N/A
- Total: $11,038,319

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REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY
2013-2014
As Taft College reflects on the past year and looks ahead to 2014, we are grateful for your support of our mission to provide access to higher education in western Kern County.

Over the past year, we have strengthened our educational programs while maintaining our focus as “the place to go” for transfer education, workforce training, and economic development on the west side of Kern County.

Taft College is a model of strong comprehensive community college serving the County District of Technology and Development. Students at Taft College are focused on success as they continue to further their education at a four-year college or enter the workforce in a new career.

Since our last Report to the Community, Taft College completed construction of the Center for Independent Living, a 24,000 square foot expansion and addition that will open the College’s West Kern Community College District’s first facility for students with disabilities. The facility includes state-of-the-art technology and services.

The development of an Educational Master Plan is an important component in the West Kern Community College District’s overall planning process. An Educational Master Plan begins with an analysis of data about the college and the communities it serves. Data are used to project the growth potential for current and future academic and student support programs. The planning document will help guide decision making over the next 10 years, with periodic updates as part of the planning cycle.

The College is slowly recovering from the severe funding cuts experienced by colleges throughout California due to the severe funding cuts experienced by colleges throughout California due to the economic downturn. In 2007-08, the College had an enrollment of nearly 12,000 students at our campus in Taft, through our Distance Learning Program, have access to innovative, caring faculty members and the support programs. The planning document will help guide decision making over the next 10 years, with periodic updates as part of the planning cycle.

The goals of Student Success & Support Program are to ensure that students complete their college courses, persist to the next academic term, and achieve their educational objectives through the provision of admissions, registration, assessment, and student follow-up.

In 2013-14 Taft College initiated a major project to update its comprehensive Educational Master Plan which will not only serve the needs of Taft College for the next ten years.

The West Kern Community College District encompasses a 767-square mile district in western Kern County. The service area of Taft College has a population base of over 207,000 residents. The college is located on a 30-acre campus in northeast Taft. The college district was established in 1962 and officially received Taft College in 1969. The West Kern Community College District is a member of the California Community Colleges system and generates significant support through the Taft College Foundation. As part of the California Community College system, Taft College is funded through a combination of state and local revenue. The General Fund graph below consists of both Restricted and Unrestricted dollars. Restricted dollars must be used for specific purposes and primarily reflect grant funds, categorical funds and contracts.