



YCCD Voters Say "Yes" to MJC and Columbia College

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MODESTO, CA – Voters in the Yosemite Community College District (YCCD) approved a \$326 million general obligation bond for the repair, upgrade and new construction of Modesto Junior College and Columbia College facilities and the expansion of college education centers in Patterson, Oakdale, Turlock and Angels Camp.

“This bond could not have passed without the support of the community. On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I would like to thank those who worked for the passage of the bond and the individuals who voted for it. I would especially like to thank the many organizations and individuals who endorsed this measure. We deeply appreciate the public’s support of the Yosemite Community College District,” said Dr. James Williams, Interim Chancellor.

The bond funds will be used to improve campus safety, renovate classrooms, laboratories and career/technology centers, improve technology infrastructure and repair overcrowded and deteriorating buildings.

“Passage of this bond will ensure that we continue to offer quality training and educational programs to the nearly 30,000 students that we serve,” said Dr. James Williams. YCCD is a large demographically diverse district which spans six counties (Stanislaus, Calaveras, Tuolumne, Merced, San Joaquin and Santa Clara) and 4,500 square miles.

As a requirement of the bond, representatives will be sought for an independent citizens’ oversight committee, which will be appointed by the YCCD Board of Trustees. The committee’s primary role will be to actively review and report on the expenditure of taxpayer dollars to ensure that bond revenues are expended only for the described purposes.