



Dallas County Community College District 85th Legislative Session

Texas Community Colleges are vital to the overall well-being of the State of Texas. DCCCD and our 165,000 students, along with our forty-nine community colleges across the state, will play a central role in maintaining Texas’ economic engine and educating the majority of entering freshman and sophomore students.

EDUCATION AND FUNDING

Community colleges, enrolling 52% of Texas students in public higher education, are ready to lead through innovative approaches. We are committed to performance-based funding and prepared to do the heavy lifting so that Texas can achieve the 60x30TX higher education plan.

Early Childhood Baccalaureate Bill

The job market in Dallas County is short of over 4,000 early childhood educators - which impacts 39,000 children. DCCCD has a solution: create an Early Childhood Institute and award baccalaureate degrees in early childhood education. Rep. Giddings has filed HB 971, which offers a quality and affordable degree and supports the governor’s mission of a quality pre-k, and helps fill the teacher shortage without adding a fiscal note to the state. Last session Rep. Giddings had bipartisan support, the bill unanimously passed the State House.



Funding for the Future

All Texas community colleges are seeking specific funding amounts – to serve over 700K students – for each of the three major components of state funding for community colleges: Core Operations, Success Points, and Instruction/Contact Hours. The total request in new funds for the 2018-19 biennium is \$1.83 billion – a 5% increase for colleges that have grown 62% since 2000. In North Texas, community colleges enroll 81% of freshmen & sophomores attending public colleges & universities.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Texas community colleges continuously demonstrate innovative ways of preparing students for the workforce and are rethinking what defines student success by exploring efficiencies in how we run our institutions.

Recruit Texas Bill

Partnerships in Texas are key to success and to ensure we are wide open for business. We propose an economic development program to attract new businesses in Texas. Rep. Alvarado has filed HB 108, “Recruit Texas” which provides turnkey workforce training, and will utilize the training strength of our community and technical colleges to deliver training needs. Recruit Texas seeks to redirect current funds within the Texas Workforce Commission, and asks community colleges to invest in the partnership.

