

Date: March 22, 2004

To: Assemblyman Richard D. Perkins, Chairman
Legislative Committee on Education

From: The Nye County Higher Education Campus Coalition Task Force

Re: Priority for the Pahrump Educational Complex Capital Improvement Funding

We would like to introduce you to our project. The proposal is to build the first building on a permanent campus in Pahrump, Nevada for a Nye County Higher Education Center. We are requesting State funds in the amount of \$5,366,875. We have matching funds from the Nye County Commission in the amount of \$1,500,000 (22%). The total project costs are \$6,866,875 to build a 44,135 square foot building that is a copy of the "B" building at the Henderson-CCSN Campus. We have saved the State planning money by choosing an existing building.

This project started out quite low on the capital improvement funding priority list submitted to the Board of Regents on Friday, March 19, 2004. A majority of the Regents instructed the Chancellor to move this project to number 4 on the list, which puts it within the first 70 million dollars of project requests. We hope that we can maintain this position on the priority list until it is finalized and sent to the State in June. We ask your help in keeping this project in a position on the request list that will help ensure funding in the 2005 legislature.

After meeting with the Governor, he says he supports this project and will try to help us if we are high enough on the priority list.

Listed below are reasons that justify a high priority for the Pahrump initiative:

1. FOLLOWING THE RULES: We were told in 1999 that if we raised local matching money (\$1,500,000 committed), got onto the capital improvement budget list (May, 2000 list) and proved student need (Enrollment increased 100% from fall 2002 to 2003) that this project could become a reality.
2. PROVEN NEEDS: Statistics prove it is past time to have a permanent campus in Nye County:
 - a. Within rural Nevada Nye County is the fastest growing area, the student growth is the largest percent in the system, and the area has the least college facilities for the population. Today Pahrump's population is exploding.
 - b. 2061 students were surveyed in fall, 2003, 94% have plans to go on to higher education, 48% would attend in Pahrump if facilities were available.
3. MATCHING FUNDS: Nye County matching funds of \$1,500,000 (22%) is a substantial match and has been committed since 2000. Local citizens have already expended money to install sewer lines to benefit the new campus and have pledged to install much of the water, sewer and road infrastructure. Other local funding includes Dollars for Scholars and a Brownsfield Grant fund.
4. THIRD FUNDING CYCLE: We made an appeal to the Board of Regents on May 9, 2000 to move this project higher on the list. Legislation was introduced, AB 143, in February, 2001 to fund this building. This is the 3rd funding cycle that we have had a request in for

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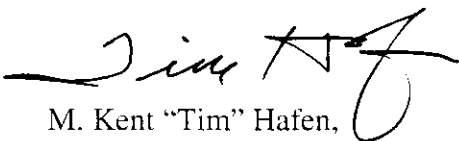
funds for this building. This should put us ahead of projects that merely received planning funds last cycle. Building planning does not become obsolete in 2 years if not funded, as some would argue.

5. PLANNING MONEY SAVED: We should not be penalized for saving the system planning money. An existing building design was chosen, eliminating the need to spend planning dollars.
6. SMALL DOLLAR AMOUNT: A 5% reduction in \$100 million of projects would fund the Pahrump building. Or, proposed two phase building projects could have \$5.3 million moved to phase 2 to fund Pahrump. Rural areas have been funded in the past despite urban needs.
7. PRIVATE BUSINESS AND GOVERNMENT PARTICIPATION: Nevada Test Site Employers are standing ready to participate in educational training programs in Pahrump if we can get the building built. This includes Department of Energy, Nevada Test Site, Nellis Bombing and Gunnery Range, Yucca Mountain Program, Bechtel, and SAIC. A New Mexico State campus exists through a partnership like this. Attached is a letter outlining their support.
8. UNIQUE PROGRAM: This is a unique proposal to blend high school dual credit, two year associate degrees and four year baccalaureate degrees. It creates seamless credit transitions and saves operating money through this combination.
9. OPERATIONS PAY THEIR WAY: The Pahrump Tech Center generates a surplus in funds to CCSN. Projected 2003/2004 FTE produces \$647,932 in revenue offset by \$228,382 of total operating expenses in Pahrump including all staff. This produces direct revenue to CCSN of \$419,550. CCSN estimates they incur \$176,305 of central administration costs for Pahrump, leaving \$243,245 of funds to support other CCSN operations. This money could be spent to build Pahrump enrollment.
10. NEW CAMPUS IS SELF-SUFFICIENT WITH 200 FTE: Enrollment growth should create FTE exceeding 500 by 2005, the earliest a building could be completed if funded in this cycle. FTE of 100 will support the existing Tech Center and FTE of 200 should support the new campus building, again, providing plenty of operating funds.

The bottom line is that there is "REAL POPULATION GROWTH, REAL STUDENT DEMAND, REAL EMPLOYMENT NEEDS, and a REAL LACK OF FACILITIES".

The community has broad based commitment to this cause. We have been working within the system for 3 funding cycles. It's our turn. Please make the right decision to support this Nye County building project and help us get it funded in the 2005 legislature.

Respectfully,



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Nye County Higher Education Campus Coalition Task Force



Board of Directors

March 17, 2004

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TO: The University and Community College System of Nevada Board of Regents

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SUBJECT: The Nye County Higher Education Initiative

Ladies and Gentlemen:

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The Nevada Alliance for Defense, Energy & Business is a trade organization that represents many of the contractors and suppliers that routinely do business with the Nevada Test Site, the Yucca Mountain Program, and the Nellis Bombing and Gunnery Range. As such, the Nevada Alliance is acting as an integrator between the Nye County Higher Education Initiative at Pahrump and the Federal Government and its contractors that work at the NTS, the YMP, and the Nellis Range – each with a major presence in Nye County.

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The future of the federal activities in southern Nevada is very good, but is also dependent on the availability of trained craftsmen, technicians and scientists. As the federal programs grow, the possibility of a college facility offering two and four-year educational programs is both exciting and important to support expanding public and private business and industry needs in Nye County.

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While the three federal entities are preparing detailed forecasts for trained personnel needs during the next decade, preliminary estimates indicate the following:

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- o Each year NTS activities will require about fifty new technicians, YMP about double that amount, and the Nellis Range also need about fifty technicians.
- o The NTS hires about twelve new scientists and engineers each year, the YMP about thirty, and the Nellis Range about twenty. Experience requirements for these new professionals will vary.
- o All three federal entities will require many union craft personnel as well, such as machinists, carpenters, welders, etc., that would be hired through the local union business offices. Those hires could amount to many hundred each year during the next decade, and unions might find it advantageous to utilize the Pahrump technical college for a significant portion of their technical training needs.

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In summary, the three major federal programs discussed above will require significant new and replacement manpower resources in the years to come. An educational program such as that described in the Pahrump Valley College Proposal could support much of these human resource requirements. If structured properly, utilizing the proposed two (high school) plus two (vocational and associate degrees) plus two (four year degrees in concert with Nevada State College, UNLV and UNR), the initiative would provide a much needed and unique educational environment second to none in Nevada.

The Nevada Alliance, speaking for the Nevada Test Site and related federal entities, supports without reservation the Nye County Higher Education Proposal for Pahrump.

Very truly yours,

Troy E. Wade II
Chairman