

JTUSHE Exhibits

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Hello,

I am a Latina mother of a daughter with autism and she will be attending Mt. Hood Community College MHCC this Fall 2022. I want you to know I am worried because there is no bridging program for my daughter to welcome her at MHCC and there are no programs to support her understanding timelines, organizations and how she can advocate for herself as a person with a disability.

I ask that you consider the following:

- 1.) Provide students with disabilities in high school wishing to attend a community college or university with an opportunity to bridge over during the summer.
- 2.) Create high school to college program for students with disabilities
- 3.) Work with the Department of Disabilities or Vocational Rehabilitation to encourage students with disabilities to attend college.
- 4.) Provide parents who speak another language than English with information in their native language about college programs for their child with a disability

Young adults with a disability are less likely to be employed or go to college.

Please help people with disabilities including people who are culturally and linguistically diverse.

Thank you/ Gracias.

Respectfully,

Cynthia Velasquez
Concerned Parent/ Educator