

May 2023

To: The Joint Committee on Ways and Means

Re: Barbara Roberts Career Technical Education Center



I am writing today to support the Barbara Roberts Career Technical Education Center (CTEC) in Sheridan, Oregon, and its application to the legislature for \$12 million in construction funds.

As a leadership-development professional, I have witnessed the power of hands-on learning that Career Technical Education provides. I am proud that my family's former manufacturing company Neilsen Manufacturing was transformed into the Salem Keizer CTEC facility.

Today we present you with an opportunity to bring the same powerful learning to students in a rural school district. Typically rural students are denied this type of opportunity. One of the cruelest realities of going to school in a small district is the lack of infrastructure for these far-reaching programs. The Barbara Roberts model looks at a regional service level, covering multiple small districts. This is likely the only way a model like this can be feasible. This regional model creates its problems, however. One of the most critical questions is how to fund the Capital Construction. It can't fall on just one small district. It is too significant of an undertaking.

This request to the State of Oregon for Capital project funding is essential. In today's world, where construction of new high schools like Portland's Lincoln High School can cost more than \$240,000,000, a request for twelve million to transform a region is an excellent investment. This twelve million will combine with funds already committed, allowing construction to commence in months.

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Barbara Roberts CTEC will prepare our future workforce for living-wage, high-demand jobs in the local industry. Roberts CTEC will provide several programs of study: *Fire Science; Automotive and Heavy Equipment - Truck, Logistics & Diesel Mechanics; Manufacturing Technology; Agribusiness-Sustainable Plant Science and Technology.*

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Thank you for your consideration.

May 2, 2023

To: The Joint Committee on Ways and Means
Re: Barbara Roberts Career Technical Education Center

I am writing on behalf of the Sheridan AllPrep Academy Charter School (SHAPA), to support the Barbara Roberts Career Technical Education Center (CTEC) in Sheridan, Oregon, and its application to the legislature for \$12 million in construction funds.

SHAPA wholeheartedly supports the Barbara Roberts CTEC Development Team and Sheridan School District in the creation of a regional, rural Career Technical Education Center. Roberts CTEC provides several programs of study: Fire Science; Automotive and Heavy Equipment - Truck, Logistics & Diesel Mechanics; Manufacturing Technology; Agribusiness-Sustainable Plant Science and Technology.

Partnerships representing groups of historically marginalized students, along with organizations specializing in workforce development, educational institutions, and career-related industries expand the network of overall support for CTE program development. Additionally, strong partnerships align the educational system with industry, leading to a well-prepared workforce. In contributing to this effort, we are investing in the students living in the West Valley region and supporting their CTE learning experience. Our contribution will be in the form of continued support that will expand throughout implementation of the project.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Jesse Watson, Ed.D.
Executive Director



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To: The Joint Committee on Ways and Means
Re: Barbara Roberts Career Technical Education Center

I am writing on behalf of Associated of Oregon Loggers (AOL), to support the Barbara Roberts Career Technical Education Center (CTEC) in Sheridan, Oregon, and its application to the legislature for \$12 million in construction funds.

AOL wholeheartedly supports the Barbara Roberts CTEC Development Team and Sheridan School District in the creation of a regional, rural Career Technical Education Center. Roberts CTEC provides several programs of study: *Fire Science; Automotive and Heavy Equipment - Truck, Logistics & Diesel Mechanics; Manufacturing Technology; Agribusiness-Sustainable Plant Science and Technology.* Partnerships representing groups of historically marginalized students, along with organizations specializing in workforce development, educational institutions, and career-related industries expand the network of overall support for CTE program development. Additionally, strong partnerships align the educational system with industry, leading to a well-prepared workforce. In contributing to this effort, we are investing in the students living in the West Valley region and supporting their CTE learning experience. Our contribution will be in the form of continued support that will expand throughout implementation of the project.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sara Nelson

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MAY 3, 2023

To: The Joint Committee on Ways and Means

Re: Barbara Roberts Career Technical Education Center

I am writing on behalf of BRIC Architecture, to support the Barbara Roberts Career Technical Education Center (CTEC) in Sheridan, Oregon, and its application to the legislature for \$12 million in construction funds. As a majority women owned architectural firm that specializes in educational projects, we see great value in a project such as this.

BRIC Architecture wholeheartedly supports the Barbara Roberts CTEC Development Team and Sheridan School District in the creation of a regional, rural Career Technical Education Center. Roberts CTEC provides several programs of study: Fire Science; Automotive and Heavy Equipment - Truck, Logistics & Diesel Mechanics; Manufacturing Technology; Agribusiness-Sustainable Plant Science and Technology.

Our work incorporates a focus on equity-based design because we recognize the need to reach out to those who are closest to the problem but furthest from the solution. Partnerships representing groups of historically marginalized students, along with organizations specializing in workforce development, educational institutions, and career-related industries expand the network of overall support for CTE program development. Additionally, strong partnerships align the educational system with industry, leading to a well-prepared workforce. In contributing to this effort, we are investing in the students living in the West Valley region and supporting their CTE learning experience. We are proud to serve as the design team for this project. Our support will continue throughout implementation of the project as well as after the building is occupied and serving the students.

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To: The Joint Committee on Ways and Means
Re: Barbara Roberts Career Technical Education Center

I am writing on behalf of Chemeketa Community College (Chemeketa) to support the Barbara Roberts Career Technical Education Center (CTEC) in Sheridan, Oregon, and its application to the legislature for \$12 million in construction funds.

Chemeketa wholeheartedly supports the Barbara Roberts CTEC Development Team and Sheridan School District in the creation of a regional, rural Career Technical Education Center. Roberts CTEC provides several programs of study: *Fire Science; Automotive and Heavy Equipment - Truck, Logistics & Diesel Mechanics; Manufacturing Technology; Agribusiness-Sustainable Plant Science and Technology.*

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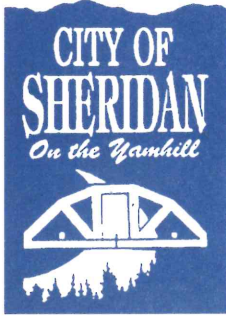
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May 1, 2023

To: The Joint Committee on Ways and Means

Re: Barbara Roberts Career Technical Education Center

I am writing on behalf of The City of Sheridan, to support the Barbara Roberts Career Technical Education Center (CTEC) in Sheridan, Oregon, and its application to the legislature for \$12 million in construction funds.

The City of Sheridan wholeheartedly supports the Barbara Roberts CTEC Development Team and Sheridan School District in the creation of a regional, rural Career Technical Education Center. Roberts CTEC provides several programs of study: *Fire Science; Automotive and Heavy Equipment - Truck, Logistics & Diesel Mechanics; Manufacturing Technology; Agribusiness-Sustainable Plant Science and Technology.*

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Marianne Thomson, Mayor

Roxie Acuff, Councilor

Cale George, Councilor

James Buckles, Councilor

Dennis McElroy, Councilor

Lucy Hebert, Councilor

Liz Hodgins, Councilor



May 2, 2023

To: The Joint Committee on Ways and Means

Re: Barbara Roberts Career Technical Education Center

I am writing on behalf of Next Generation Trucking (NGT), to support the Barbara Roberts Career Technical Education Center (CTEC) in Sheridan, Oregon, and its application to the legislature for \$12 million in construction funds.

NGT wholeheartedly supports the Barbara Roberts CTEC Development Team and Sheridan School District in the creation of a regional, rural Career Technical Education Center. Roberts CTEC provides several programs of study: *Fire Science; Automotive and Heavy Equipment - Truck, Logistics & Diesel Mechanics; Manufacturing Technology; Agribusiness-Sustainable Plant Science and Technology.*

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Thank you for your consideration.

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Athletic Director

Season Lozano
Activities Director

To: The Joint Committee on Ways and Means

Re: Barbara Roberts Career Technical Education Center

I am writing on behalf of Patterson High School CTE Program to support the Barbara Roberts Career Technical Education Center (CTEC) in Sheridan, Oregon, and its application to the legislature for \$12 million in construction funds.

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Thank you for your consideration.

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CTE Truck Driving Coordinator/Instructor



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May 1, 2023

To: The Joint Committee on Ways and Means

RE: The Barbara Roberts Career Technical Education Center

Dear Honorable Members of the Ways and Means Committee:

Sheridan Fire District would like to voice its support for the Barbara Roberts Career Technical Education Center (CTEC) in Sheridan and its application to the legislature for \$12 million in construction funds. Sheridan School District purchased the CTEC property with a vision of providing technical training that would provide skilled labor for living wage, high-demand jobs in the local industries. Among the proposed programs of study are *Fire Science*, *Automotive and Heavy Equipment – Truck*, and *Logistics & Diesel Mechanics*. What a great opportunity for students in an economically depressed area, many of whom are from historically marginalized demographic backgrounds, to grow and develop skills that will benefit not only themselves and their families, but also the communities in which they live. We want to be part of the success of these students.

As students develop firefighting skills, we would welcome them to become part of our volunteer firefighter force where they could become more proficient in their skills. Experience is vital in the fire service. We would hope that as the program develops we could expand our support and include students in some of our training in addition to what the school district is able to offer.

We believe that now is the best time to invest in rural Oregon through career technical education. The Oregon Legislature has the opportunity to take a lead role in the revitalization of our economy through a \$12 million commitment to this shovel-ready project. The Barbara Roberts CTEC will connect our community and lift the lives of our young people. We respectfully request that the Oregon Legislature join us in the vision for generational impact and commit \$12 million to the development of what we see as a regional training center that will impact the lives of many students.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Les Thomas, Fire Chief
Sheridan Fire District

Teal Falls LLC

I am writing to support the Barbara Roberts Career Technical Education (CTE) Center in Sheridan, Oregon, and its application to the legislature for \$12 million in construction funds.

There are several reasons for supporting this measure:

1. Career Technical Education programs have proven invaluable in developing critical parts of the workforce, particularly in skilled trades.
2. Students who participate in CTE programs have a much higher completion rate in high school.
3. Kids who complete a CTE program can enter the workforce with a higher wage.
4. The Barbara Roberts Career Technical Education Program can serve as a pilot for Oregon to expand CTE access to rural Oregon students. This will have a significant impact on bridging the Rural/Urban gap. This is an area where we can unify and bridge that gap.
5. The project is shovel-ready and ready for implementation without delay.
6. The project pay-off in ROI will be for decades and generational in students' lives and economic stability.
7. The Barbara Roberts Career Technical Education Center will help address regional and state occupational shortages.

I do not live in the Sheridan district, but I certainly empathize with the parents and grandparents who do. I assisted in the startup of the Salem-Keizer CTEC program and have seen first-hand the value of such programs. My grandson lives in the Salem-Keizer district and hopes to enroll in that program someday.

We need empathetic caring and action on a statewide basis to make systemic change for the better. We need leadership to push the development of rural and urban CTE for future generations. The Sheridan CTE program is hopefully a start of a prolonged effort to provide access across the state. We will be a better state for it.

What you can do:

1. Voice support for this effort.
2. Ask Leadership and your caucus to move it forward with a "Do Pass" recommendation
3. Carry the effort forward to other rural districts in upcoming sessions that could use the support of Oregon in a similar fashion.

I appreciate your help and leadership in this.

Best regards,



Ron Hays
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**BARBARA ROBERTS CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION CENTER:
RURAL/LOW-INCOME CTE FACT SHEET**

UNDERSERVED: RURAL, LOW-INCOME CAREER-TECHNICAL EDUCATION

Small Schools average **1 CTE program**

58% rural schools offer CTE programs

Low-income schools average **2.2 CTE programs**

19% low-income students participate in CTE

*Since 2015, CTE participation increased more in larger districts than in small districts

Large schools average **5.6 CTE programs**

80% schools statewide offer CTE programs

High-income schools average **3.7 CTE programs**

26% non-low-income students in CTE programs

BENEFITS OF CAREER-TECHNICAL EDUCATION FOR STUDENTS

Low-income students **20% more likely to graduate**

Salary after graduation: average **\$2,200 more per year**

Salem-Keizer CTEC: **98%-100% graduation rates** since 2015

92% positive placement rate (higher education or high-wage employment)

CAREER-TECHNICAL EDUCATION CENTERS MORE EFFECTIVE

2% wage increase for each additional year in CTE program concentration

3 or more CTE courses: **42% more likely to graduate**