## **SBCTC Survey of College Budget Priorities**

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Thank you for your input. Your contributions will be valuable as the Washington Association of Community and Technical Colleges and the State Board begin developing the 2019-21 budget requests to the Legislature.

**Please return this survey to Cherie Berthon, SBCTC Operating Budget Director, at** [**cberthon@sbctc.edu**](mailto:cberthon@sbctc.edu) **by February 28, 2018.**

### Section 1

Below are several potential strategic investments (budget requests) based on the State Board’s goals and recent biennial budget proposals. Please respond to each part of the questions below.

1. Promote student achievement and success by implementing the **Guided Pathways Initiative** across the system.

Our college supports this initiative as a budget request (circle one).

Agree Disagree

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* 1. Please explain:
  2. How would you use new funding in this area?

1. Build on the system’s strengths by **improving faculty salaries and the full-time to part-time faculty mix**.

Our college supports this initiative as a budget request (circle one).

Agree                                 Disagree

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* 1. Please explain:
  2. How would you use new funding in this area?

1. Build on the system’s strengths by **improving employee compensation**.

Our college supports this initiative as a budget request (circle one).

Agree                                 Disagree

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* 1. Please explain:
  2. How would you use new funding in this area?

1. Increase the number of people in **Basic Education for Adults and I-BEST** (programs that combine basic skills, English language, academics, and job skills training) and those students’ transition to college-level courses.

Our college supports this initiative as a budget request (circle one).

Agree                                 Disagree

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* 1. Please explain:
  2. How would you use new funding in this area?

1. Expand **workforce education** programs to meet skills gaps and to increase awards in high-demand professional-technical programs.

Our college supports this initiative as a budget request (circle one).

Agree                                 Disagree

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* 1. Please explain:
  2. How would you use new funding in this area?

1. Increase flexible funding for **financial aid** so that colleges can help students address barriers to attending college (e.g. childcare, car repairs, groceries)

Our college supports this initiative as a budget request (circle one).

Agree                                 Disagree

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* 1. Please explain:
  2. How would you use new funding in this area?

1. Are there other system-wide needs or priorities that should have been included here? Please explain:

## Section 2

This section provides an opportunity for college districts to express their priorities.

Please describe your college district’s five highest budget priorities for the next two biennia, 2019-21 and 2021-23. (State budgets now include funding for two biennia.)

Within your descriptions below, please include the following information:

1. A short description of your priority.
2. The size or magnitude of the investment (a rough estimate of the total cost is sufficient).
3. Is this priority linked to a statewide priority, an issue of regional interest, or the potential investments in Section 1? If so, describe briefly.
4. Provide the relative importance of each item by spreading 100 points across your 5 priorities. For example, first priority receives 90 points, second priority receives 4 points, third priority receives 3 points, fourth priority receives 2 point, fifth priority receives 1 point to total 100 points.

**First Priority**

Relative Importance: Share of 100 points\_\_\_\_\_ (Total of all five priorities should be 100)

**Second Priority**

Relative Importance: Share of 100 points\_\_\_\_\_ (Total of all five priorities should be 100)

**Third Priority**

Relative Importance: Share of 100 points\_\_\_\_\_ (Total of all five priorities should be 100)

**Fourth Priority**

Relative Importance: Share of 100 points\_\_\_\_\_ (Total of all five priorities should be 100)

**Fifth Priority**

Relative Importance: Share of 100 points\_\_\_\_\_ (Total of all five priorities should be 100)