WASHINGTON'S COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGES



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Investing in Educational and Economic Recovery

The COVID-19 pandemic disrupted in-person teaching for nearly two years, however, one aspect of college life did not change: the need for modern, safe buildings for students, faculty and staff. Our colleges reopened this fall quarter and more classes are opening to in-person instruction each quarter.

Our students are relieved and excited to be back on campus. When asked how they prefer to learn, a majority of students surveyed in spring 2021 said they prefer all, or mostly, personal instruction.¹ This personal touch is especially important for historically underrepresented students and first-generation students, who often need one-on-one help to overcome barriers.

Job Training and Job Creation

Our \$306 million supplemental budget request focuses on projects not funded in the biennial budget. The request will fund minor projects at all 34 colleges and advance 14 major projects. The buildings being renovated or replaced are 45 to 61 years old and their deterioration has a significant impact on college operations.

These projects will support job-training for students of all ages and backgrounds in fields such as cybersecurity, radiology, welding, construction, clean energy and auto technology. The projects will also create an estimated 3,000 new jobs in the construction industry and supporting fields throughout Washington state in the next four years.

Investing in capital projects preserves and creates valuable public assets that advance students, communities and our economy.

Priority	College	Funding Phase	Project	Amount	Cumulative
1	Pierce Ft. Steilacoom	Design & Build	Emergency Asbestos Mitigation	\$13,159,000	\$13,159,000
2	Statewide	Design & Build	Minor Works – Infrastructure	\$27,083,000	\$40,242,000
3	Highline	Design	Welcome Center for Student Success	\$3,235,000	\$43,477,000
4	Lake Washington	Build	Center for Design	\$33,715,000	\$77,192,000
5	Bates	Build	Fire Service Training Center	\$32,563,000	\$109,755,000
6	South Seattle	Design	Rainier Hall Renovation	\$3,645,000	\$113,400,000
7	Olympic	Build	Innovation and Technology Learning Center	\$23,420,000	\$136,820,000
8	Everett	Design & Build	Baker Hall Replacement	\$32,229,000	\$169,049,000
9	Columbia Basin	Design & Build	Performing Arts Building Replacement	\$38,646,000	\$207,695,000
10	Whatcom	Design & Build	Technology and Engineering Center	\$32,980,000	\$240,675,000
11	Bellingham	Design & Build	Engineering Technology Center - Bldg. J Replacement	\$14,534,000	\$255,209,000
12	Clark	Design & Build	Hanna Foster Hawkins Complex Replacement	\$25,551,000	\$280,760,000
13	Peninsula	Design & Build	Advanced Technology Center	\$19,690,000	\$300,450,000
14	Seattle Central	Design	Broadway Achievement Center	\$3,060,000	\$303,510,000
15	Yakima	Design	Prior-Kendall Hall Replacement	\$2,025,000	\$305,535,000

Sources: 1) SBCTC public enrollment dashboard 2020-21 school year



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