

LA Workforce Education Research Center—Mt SAC/COE in the spotlight
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Dr. Scroggins,

I wanted to provide you with an update about one of the four across-all-colleges Strong Workforce projects, one of which you are likely already aware. The project is a regional co-invested research center (Center) that is unique because of key partnerships with:

- Los Angeles Economic Development Corporation (LAEDC),
- LA Area Chamber of Commerce, and
- Southern California Leadership Council.

This project has been in the making for the last several months and has finally reached a point of taking off. I wanted to make you aware that the Center of Excellence has played a substantial role in its development, devoting many hours to the creation of this exciting new Center. Once in action, the Center will deliver to the LA county colleges more informed data and information for program development, better access to employment for students, and strong business partnerships. Additionally, the Center enhances the role of the COE and brings Mt. SAC into the spotlight.

The newly envisioned Center has been generating a lot of excitement in the region, across the state, and even with national higher education research entities. Van is a strong supporter and receives regular updates on our progress because of the importance of this work for our economic development and workforce partners.

I have shared information about this project with Jennifer along the way. Because it will quickly be rolling out more publicly, I wanted to make sure you had the opportunity to be informed before details make their way to you through other sources. I thought I should give you the opportunity to ask any questions of me in advance—hence this email. For your reference I have attached the project description (approved by all regional colleges) and the Center's logic model.

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