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## **WOODLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE STATE MATCHING FUNDS APPROVED IN 2019-20 CALIFORNIA STATE BUDGET FOR NEW PERFORMING ARTS AND CULINARY SERVICES BUILDING**

(Yuba City, July 15, 2019) – The Yuba Community College District is excited to announce on June 27, 2019, California Governor Gavin Newsom signed a State Budget Act which includes \$535.3 million in capital outlay funding from Proposition 51, approved by voters in 2016. The funding will support 20 continuing projects and 39 new projects including the Yuba Community College District, Woodland Community College Performing Arts/Culinary Capital project.

Focused advocacy by the Yuba Community College District Governing Board was conducted during the 2019 Legislative Session, requesting the Governor consider including the Woodland Community College Performing Arts/Culinary capital project in the 2019-2020 State Budget to fulfill a long-awaited promise to the local voters of the Yuba Community College District.

The project will provide for a new facility to consolidate and expand space for Woodland Community College's Performing, Fine Arts and Speech programs while creating space for the new Culinary Arts program. The proposed new building will consist of 29,118 area square feet with a variety of classrooms, laboratories, office space, and a new performing arts theater. The facility is estimated to cost a total of \$42 million with the state matching \$18,872,000 of the total cost of the building.

Chancellor Dr. Douglas B. Houston stated, "On behalf of the YCCD Governing Board, I want to express my appreciation to the Governor and the California Legislature for approving the state matching funds so that we can construct this critical WCC facility. This construction project enables us to keep a commitment to voters and will serve the students of Yolo, Colusa and Lake Counties for future generations."

The Woodland Community College Performing Arts/Culinary capital project was included in the Measure J General Obligation Bond project list approved by voters in 2006 and has been included on the California Community College Board of Governor's approved project list since it was submitted in 2009.

WCC President, Dr. Art Pimentel added, “These are exciting times for our college. The new facility will allow us to optimize our students’ academic experience. The new building will enable us to offer additional programs in culinary arts as well as increase the variety of courses we offer in the visual and performing arts. We are grateful to the voters for continuing to support the long term vision of a comprehensive community college that provides exciting and dynamic academic programs for our student body.”

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**About the Yuba Community College District:** YCCD spans eight counties and nearly 4,192 square miles of territory in rural, north-central California. Yuba College and Woodland Community College, offer degrees, certificates and transfer curricula at college campuses in Marysville and Woodland, educational centers in Clearlake and Yuba City, and through outreach operations in Williams and on Beale Air Force Base. The two colleges in Yolo County and Yuba County and the campuses in Clearlake, Colusa, and Sutter Counties, serve 13,000 students across the northern Sacramento Valley. *For more information about YCCD, please visit the website at [yccd.edu](http://yccd.edu)*