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**BMCC to host community meetings on findings and status of future bond proposal**

MILTON-FREEWATER, Ore. – Blue Mountain Community College will host a community meeting in Milton-Freewater on Wednesday, Sept. 3, to present information regarding a possible future bond proposal, as well as to solicit feedback from the community. The meeting will be held at noon at the Milton-Freewater campus of BMCC. Lunch will be provided.

BMCC will also host meetings in Boardman (Sept. 17 at the SAGE Center), Pendleton (Sept. 18 at BMCC), and Hermiston (Sept. 30 at the Higher Education Center). In addition, BMCC leaders will meet with college staff on Sept. 24 and students on Oct. 1.

Last fall, BMCC held multiple “listening sessions” throughout Umatilla and Morrow counties to gather feedback from community members as to why they did not support a \$28 million bond that failed on the November 2013 General Election ballot. The BMCC Board of Education utilized this valuable feedback as BMCC administration began to reevaluate projects and consider another bond on a future ballot.

Throughout winter and early-spring, BMCC met six times with the Citizen’s Review Panel of community members from Umatilla and Morrow counties. This panel reviewed feedback from the listening sessions, as well as the results of a phone survey regarding the previous bond, and reviewed deferred maintenance and facilities needs at all of the BMCC campuses. The panel then prioritized these needs and developed recommendations for the BMCC Board of Education to consider for a potential new bond.

The community meetings throughout September will outline these recommended projects, and will also allow for the public to provide feedback. The BMCC Board of Education and administration will again utilize this feedback as they move forward with bond discussions.

Anyone who would like to attend the session in Milton-Freewater should RSVP at 541-938-7176.

**What: BMCC Community Meeting**

**When: Wednesday, September 3**

**Where: BMCC Milton-Freewater Campus, 311 N. Columbia, Room 110**

**Time: Noon (Lunch Provided)**

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