

ADVOCACY PLATFORM

Appropriately Fund the State's Community Colleges

- ✔ Direct state funds to address community college talent recruitment and retention challenges
 - Governor recommends \$8.1M in additional community college compensation effective April 1, 2023 (WCCC requested \$8.5M)
- ✔ Support budget requests from the Wyoming Community College Commission which are designed to fulfill the WCCC strategic plan
 - Governor recommends funding the WCCC capital construction model software modernization request for \$369,000
- ✔ Dust off recommendations made in the WCCC Sustainable Funding Workgroup Report Recommendations and the Legislative Select Committee on Community College Funding and Governance

Community College Statutory Funding Model

- ✔ Restore levels of instruction
 - The Joint Education Interim Committee is sponsoring a bill to delete the lesser weight given to distance delivery (the other weights are left unchanged)
- ✔ Include an external cost adjustment
 - The Joint Education Interim Committee is sponsoring a bill to authorize an exception budget request by the WCCC for an external cost adjustment to account for inflation
- ✔ Include some consideration for headcount + FTE in the four-year recalibration process

Support the Community College role in fulfilling the State of Wyoming's economic development strategic plan through the Wyoming Innovation Partnership

Fully Fund the Wyoming's Tomorrow Scholarship

- ✔ Allow for matching funds from private donations
- ✔ Consider additional legislative appropriations (use of one-time dollars)
 - The Governor recommended \$35M in one-time funds to be deposited into the endowment with the prospect of a \$5M match from the private sector
 - The Joint Education Interim Committee is sponsoring a bill that would fund the endowment at \$100M using one-time dollars as well as \$15M to the WT expenditure account for immediate awarding of scholarships in Fall 2023

Endorse Capital Construction Projects that Support the CC Mission

- ✔ Increase project authorization from \$100,000 to \$500,000 (requested by the WCCC to the Joint Education Committee)
 - The Joint Education Interim Committee is sponsoring a bill to increase the amount to \$250,000
- ✔ Support the annually ranked projects from the WCCC and State Building Commission
 - NWC Capital Renewal Request for the Orendorff Building Infrastructure:
 - Total - \$4M • State - \$4M • Local - \$0
 - LCCC Facade Project:
 - Total - \$10.5M • State - \$5.8M • Local - \$4.7M
 - WWCC Powerline Technology Building:
 - Total - \$4M • State - \$2.2M • Local - \$1.8M
 - EWC Douglas Campus authorization only:
 - Total - \$3.4M • State - \$0 • Local - \$3.4M
- ✔ Consider an additional contingency appropriation for current projects (due to inflation)
 - Governor's recommendations included \$50M for a cap con contingency funding pool to deal with project cost inflation
- ✔ Fully fund major maintenance at 2.56% as recommended by the State Construction Department