Why increase the property tax levy?

In Sept. 2017, SCC increased its capital tax levy from 1.05 cents to 2 cents per $100 valuation. The purpose of this 0.95 cent increase was to:

- Address the gap in employer demand and our ability to produce graduates
- Modernize outdated facilities
- Ensure education remains affordable and accessible for all
- Ensure compliance with accreditation standards
- Deal with reductions in state aid
- Address needs of entire 15-county service area
- Serve as an economic driver for the region and the state
- Move toward the standard practice of other Nebraska community colleges (details on back)

What buildings are planned for Phase 1?

**Diesel Technology Building | Milford**

**What:** New building for Diesel Technology and Welding (60,000 sq. ft.).

**Why:** Create effective learning space for diesel programs and welding courses. Provide safe and healthy learning environment. Create capacity to meet industry demand and train students in emerging technologies. Allow these and other programs with space deficiencies to expand number of students enrolled.

**Who:** Diesel Technology-Truck; Diesel-Ag Equipment Service Technology; Welding (which supports 13 programs)

**How much:** The anticipated cost is $13.2 million.

**Classroom Building | Beatrice**

**What:** The first modern general purpose classroom building on the Beatrice campus (60,000 sq. ft.)

**Why:** Create effective learning space for all academic programs. Expand space to allow growth in Nursing program, Academic Transfer offerings, and dual credit courses. Provide safe, healthy, and accessible learning environment. Create flexible space for Continuing Education classes, community events, and Board meetings.

**Who:** Academic Transfer (including laboratories for Biology, Chemistry, Physics), Agriculture, Business, Criminal Justice, Nursing, Continuing Education.

**How much:** The anticipated cost is $21.2 million.

**Health Science Building | Lincoln**

**What:** New Health Science building (75,000 sq. ft.) with a simulation center, general purpose classrooms, and specialized teaching spaces.

**Why:** Create capacity to expand educational offerings and number of students enrolled in these high demand programs. Create effective learning spaces for nursing and allied health programs. Establish state-of-the-art simulation center for hands-on learning and opportunities for collaboration with regional partners. Provide safe, healthy, and accessible learning environment.

**Who:** All health science programs (Associate Degree Nursing, Dental Assisting, Medical Assisting, Medical Laboratory Technology, Medication Aide, Nursing Assistant, Paramedic, Pharmacy Technician, Physical Therapist Assistant, Polysomnographic Technology, Practical Nursing, Radiologic Technology, Surgical Technology)

**How much:** The anticipated cost is $39.0 million.

**Learning Center | Falls City**

**What:** Learning Center (10,000 sq. ft.) with general purpose classrooms and specialized teaching spaces for Health Sciences, Manufacturing, and Welding.

**Why:** Until recently SCC has had a minimal presence in 12 of 15 counties. This will establish a stronger presence in that corner of the state and allow SCC to more directly serve those employers.

**Who:** Academic Transfer, Nursing, Manufacturing, Welding

**How much:** The anticipated cost is $1.8 million.

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What has been the standard practice for capital tax levy?

The standard practice among most Nebraska community colleges has been to expand their capacity to produce a qualified work force by investing in their campuses, facilities, and equipment. All colleges, with the exception of SCC, have set their capital tax levy at or near the maximum allowed. Each circle in the image below represents one of the Nebraska community colleges; SCC is in orange.

- From 2010-11 to 2012-13, the maximum capital tax levy was 1 cent per $100 valuation. All colleges except SCC were at or above that maximum. (One college was above the maximum in order to retire general obligation bonds, per section 85-1515.)
- In 2013-14, the maximum increased from 1 cent to 2 cents per $100 valuation and three of the six colleges increased their levy to stay at the maximum. SCC increased their levy due to the pending construction of the Career Academy.
- SCC’s unspent authority since 2010-11 totals $27.5 million for capital and $158.7 million overall.

What proportion of property taxes go to community colleges? FY2016

What proportion of SCC graduates stay in Nebraska?

H3 occupations with the most job openings in Nebraska are found at http://h3.ne.gov. During the week of 11/8/2017, they were:

- Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers
- Registered Nurses
  - Child, Family, and School Social Workers
- Maintenance and Repair Workers, General
- Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers
- Heating, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration Mechanics and Installers
- Agricultural and Food Science Technicians
- Computer-Controlled Machine Tool Operators, Metal and Plastic
- Medical and Clinical Laboratory Technicians
  - Healthcare Social Workers

89% of employed SCC graduates from 2016 remain in Nebraska

69% of employed SCC graduates from 2016 remain in Southeast Nebraska

84% of SCC graduates from 2016 who are continuing their education are doing so in Nebraska