Message From The Measure A Citizen’s Oversight Committee Chair
Jim Massie

To Our Community:

Welcome to the Butte-Glenn Community College District’s Measure A Citizen’s Oversight Committee Annual Report. As your representative, it is the committee’s duty and privilege to oversee the expenditure of funds approved by voters to expand and update facilities at Butte College.

The committee represents a cross-section of our community in Butte and Glenn counties. During the year, it has been a pleasure to work with the students, faculty, staff and administrators at Butte College. As the chair of this committee, I can assure you that the College is working diligently to ensure that every Measure A dollar is spent efficiently – in an effort to provide educational opportunities in our community.

During the year, the committee’s activities have included:
- Review of the facilities plan and construction schedules;
- Impacts of statewide bond funding on Measure A projects;
- Any reallocation of bond proceeds within the list submitted to voters;
- Cost-saving measures; and financial and performance audits of Measure A proceeds.

Recently, the accounting firm of Matson and Isom conducted an audit of bond expenditures and activities for the period of July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004. The committee is pleased to report that Butte-Glenn Community College District properly accounted for the expenditures of funds held in the bond fund and such expenditures were made on authorized bond projects.

We appreciate the detailed construction and financial information as well as support provided by Dr. Diana Van Der Ploeg, Martha Wescos-Andes, Les Jauron, Mike Miller and Kristie Jellison.

Most of all, it is gratifying to see how diligently the College is striving to fulfill voters’ expectations for high quality classrooms and labs. Students gain the most from their educational experience when they have facilities that are conducive to learning. We all benefit from a workforce that is educated and well-prepared to contribute to our local economy.

Thank you for your continued confidence in the Butte-Glenn Community College District as it follows through on its promise to you, the local taxpayer.

Butte College Report to the Community
Promises Kept

The Board of Trustees of the Butte-Glenn Community College District proudly presents the Annual Report of the Measure A Citizens’ Oversight Committee. The Committee represents the taxpayers of Butte & Glenn Counties to make sure that Butte College’s bond funds are spent exclusively on the Measure A projects approved by voters.

The Trustees appreciate and thank the Measure A Citizens’ Oversight Committee for their service and diligence to the taxpayers of Butte and Glenn Counties and for their help to Butte College.

Since 2002, the Butte-Glenn Community College District has been busy putting Measure A funds to work to renovate our aging facilities and construct new buildings.

Since the voters’ approval of Measure A, we have kept every commitment we made during the campaign. As an example, we promised voters we would leverage Measure A dollars to gain additional funding when possible. We have been successful by obtaining an additional $30 million in state funding to supplement Measure A funds.

We have kept our promise to maintain a tax rate of no more than $20.88 per $100,000 of assessed valuation.

We're also proud to announce that due to the increases in assessed valuations (AV) in both Butte and Glenn Counties and lower interest rates than originally expected, we will shorten the total debt service period by 15 years. The reduced time will save taxpayers approximately 30% of their payments compared to our initial projections.

Butte College has kept its campaign promises by constructing projects on time and within budget. This results in many benefits, not only to our community and our economy, but also to our students who are receiving an enriched learning experience. Whenever possible we have also employed local contractors in an effort to support our local economy.

As you review this report, you’ll see the many Measure A projects we have accomplished during the last four years. THANK YOU for your continued support of Butte College and for voting YES on Measure A four years ago.

Your Public Servant,

William “Bill” McGinnis
President of the Board of Trustees
Butte-Glenn Community College District

What Is Measure A?

On March 5, 2002, the voters in the Butte-Glenn Community College District approved Measure A, an $84.9 million general obligation bond for capital construction projects.

CONCLUSION:

“The Citizens’ Oversight Committee finds Butte-Glenn Community College District to be in compliance with Proposition 39 in accounting for and expending public bond funds for Measure A. It has exercised fiscal prudence in selecting best practices designed to expedite projects through proper planning and contract management.”

Jim Massie
Measure A Citizens’ Oversight Committee Chair

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Accomplishments 2002 - 2006

• Increased instructional capacity for students in our community

• Consistently delivered major construction projects on schedule and in budget

• Leveraged Measure A to capture $30 million in State funding

• Worked to keep $30 million in our economy by hiring local contractors

• Kept the tax rate at or below the campaign promise of $20.88/$100,000 assessed valuation

• Reduced the bond’s debt service by 30% and shortened the payback time by 15 years
Butte College has started its renovation/expansion of its library. The $18.4 million project is being funded with a combination of State and Measure A dollars.

This year’s Phi Theta Kappa/Butte College Relay for Life team raised $3,000 for the American Cancer Society. But this wouldn’t have been possible without Matthew Tyler, Butte’s Phi Theta Kappa Vice President for Scholarship. Tyler, who unexpectedly had a relapse of his childhood leukemia the week prior to Relay, was flown to the UCSF Medical Center to undergo the first of many months of chemotherapy and bone marrow transplant procedures.

Tyler is an inspiration in many ways. Not only did he raise the most money on his team, but he also insisted on participating in Relay for Life while in the hospital.

His father reported that his son insisted on walking up and down the halls of the hospital for an hour to participate with his team.