



Chirp

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Call to Action!

Contact your representatives!

Campus closure included in House Budget language

The Washington State House of Representatives has included a potential campus closure within its budget proposal language. The AFT is trying to get this language removed from the final reconciled budget.

Find your representatives by following [this link](#), and use the provided language* below to make your voice heard!

I am a (faculty or staff) teaching/working at {college}. I am writing to ask you to oppose including in the final budget any language that assumes we must close a college campus. Without a neutral, data-driven review of the colleges and without engaging stakeholders, the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges cannot draw meaningful conclusions about our colleges. To do so is short-sighted and will harm our communities, impact our future workforce, and close off opportunity for our students.

If the Legislature wants to examine efficiencies or system structure, that review should be transparent, open-ended, and grounded in student access and long-term stability. It should include stakeholders among faculty, staff, students, and the community. It should not begin with a mandated reduction in a budget proviso.

Please oppose including any language that assumes a college must be closed in the final budget and support our colleges and the students and communities they serve.

*Language provided by Courtney Marabetta, AFT Communications Specialist.

What's a Chirp?

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