TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: Douglas Treadway

DATE: May 10, 2006

SUBJECT: Consideration of Proposed Design Changes for the Newark Center for Health Sciences and Technology

Based on planning retreats held in April, staff has identified desirable design revisions to the existing plans for the Newark Center for Health Science and Technology. The areas involved include the Learning Resource Center, Simulator lab for Nursing, the Environmental lab, and selected office areas.

Staff is currently gathering information regarding scope and costs that could be expected with the design changes suggested. (In addition, these changes could potentially require underground work changes). After consultation with its architects, staff estimates that a conceptual estimate of costs for these changes would be in the range of $250,000 to $500,000.

Handouts will be presented at the Board of Trustees meeting to delineate more precisely costs of the changes desired, along with the scope of work necessary. Pending further discussion and information from the Board, staff requests Board approval to proceed to incorporate these design changes into the building plans.

RECOMMENDATION:

The President/Superintendent recommends that the Board of Trustees approve the inclusion of design changes delineated above in its current building plans for the Newark Center for Health Sciences and Technology.