

OHLONE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Trustees
FROM: Gari Browning
DATE: September 23, 2009
SUBJECT: Presentation on Lab Safety Alternatives

The Chemistry Department has identified a number of specific safety needs that the District has been attempting to resolve. Primary among these is inadequate ventilation in the chemistry lab, accompanied by a shortfall of fume hoods and overcrowded conditions in both the lab and prep areas.

Several alternatives have been developed to address the situation. There are pros and cons, as well as budgetary impacts, associated with each alternative. Additionally, time is of the essence as any alternative will require design and construction work to be accomplished. The instructional program is requesting all work be completed by the fall 2010 semester, which will present a significant challenge to achieve.

Mr. Lucky Lofton, Facilities Director, will make a presentation to the Board of Trustees to articulate the problems in the chemistry lab, explain the various alternatives available to address the problems and detail the recommended course of action.

RECOMMENDATION

For information only.