



BITTERROOT VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

DATE: March 15, 2023

TO: Board of Regents

FROM: Jean Butler, Trustee, on behalf of Bitterroot Valley Community College

RE: Campus Report for the March 15-16, 2023 Board of Regents Meeting

- Bitterroot Valley Community College (BVCC) is a public community college district located in Ravalli County, Montana. It is comprised of the Corvallis K-12, Darby K-12, Hamilton K-12, Lone Rock Elementary, Stevensville Elementary, and Victor K-12 school districts.
- The BVCC District was approved for organization by the Montana State Legislature in March 2021, following a local vote for organization by district residents in 2020.
- In 2021, the Legislature allocated OTO funds of \$400,000 to BVCC for operational start-up. In May 2022, a mill levy election was run and did not pass. A biennial budget was submitted in August 2022 and has been under discussion in the Education Appropriations Subcommittee during legislative session.
- The seven Trustees on the BVCC Board and three paid staff members, each working 12-15 hours/month, are leading the efforts to establish the necessary framework for full operation once BVCC receives funding. Accomplishments to date:
 - Creation of a comprehensive BVCC Business Plan, including an overview of purpose and governance, services, market analysis/strategy, management/operations and funding sources/budget.
 - Establishment of the BVCC Foundation, awarded tax-exempt status by the IRS in July 2022.
 - Collection of information and exploratory discussions to identify an institutional services partner, who will provide oversight in academic and enrollment services. This partnership is necessary while BVCC moves through the accreditation process.
 - Partnership with Veterans Upward Bound to provide classes, services, and support to Montana veterans.