



**PUBLIC INFORMATION**

ITEM NO. 4.

**DATE OF MEETING:** October 21, 2013

**REQUESTED BY:** Dr. Ted Spring, President, Cape Fear Community College

**SHORT TITLE:** Cape Fear Community College's Alston W. Burke Campus in Surf City.

**BACKGROUND:** Dr. Spring has requested to come before the Board to discuss the CFCC Alston W. Burke Campus being constructed in Surf City. The College is currently facing a \$210,000 budget deficit that will prevent them from fully constructing the building and providing the necessary access road. A letter from Dr. Spring is attached.



# Cape Fear

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September 30, 2013

Mr. Mickey Duvall, County Manager, Pender County  
Mr. Butch Watson, Assistant County Manager, Pender County  
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Gentlemen:

As you know, Cape Fear Community College is moving ahead with the development of its Surf City Campus. When the campus opens in the fall of 2014, citizens of Pender County will have access to high-quality workforce training, skill set certification, and transfer programs which will enable them to conveniently earn the first two years of a four year degree in Pender County.

We are excited about providing top notch educational access to Pender County citizens in Surf City, but we have just been made aware of an issue which may jeopardize the completion of the project. Simply put, we need your help.

The current funding for CFCC's Alston W. Burke campus in Surf City totals \$2,436,826. The funding sources are:

Cape Fear Community College State Funds:	\$1,736,826
Pender County:	\$100,000
Town of Surf City:	\$500,000
Town of Topsail Beach:	\$100,000

Pender County allocated \$100,000 in FY 2008-09 -- the first installment of a \$300,000 commitment to the project. The budget request from the College in FY 2009-10 for the second installment was not funded by Pender County. The second installment was requested again in FY 2010-11 but was not funded. The College was notified during FY 2011-12 that Pender County was unable to provide the other two \$100,000 allocations.

The College currently faces a \$210,000 budget deficit that will prevent us from fully constructing the building and providing the necessary access road. Our understanding was that the Department of Transportation would fund the access road, but we now know that they will not. Since this is a virgin site, the infrastructure installation costs are higher than normal. The College is unable to allocate additional state funding and must now re-appeal to Pender County for funding in order to move forward with construction.

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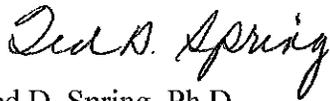
We are requesting that Pender County fund the remaining \$200,000 of the original request, with \$100,000 of that total to be paid this year and \$100,000 next year.

As you can see, the commitment from the College and surrounding area is substantial. With your help, we can fully fund the project, and provide Pender County citizens with unmatched educational opportunities.

We ask that you please place our request on the agenda of the upcoming Pender County Commissioner's meeting. We would certainly be able to attend the meeting and discuss the project in more detail. This project will have a significant economic impact on Pender County and it will truly be an asset to Pender County citizens seeking to enhance their job skills or to further their education. We are anxious to bring CFCC's Alston W. Burke campus to fruition as it was originally planned.

We have completed the design of the facility and hope to bid the project shortly. A timely response to our request would be appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ted D. Spring".

Ted D. Spring, Ph.D.  
President

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