

CISCO COLLEGE ABILENE: Maintenance Tax News Release

Cisco College is asking the voters in Taylor County to approve a Nickle (\$0.05) maintenance tax. The proposal will be on the ballot in Taylor County. Cisco College has been offering courses in Abilene (Taylor County) since 1973. Since 1973, the success of the college's programs in Taylor County led to the Cisco College Board of Regents and citizens in the Cisco College taxing district to approve a proposal for a \$10 million tuition revenue bond in Eastland to fund the building at 717 E. Industrial Boulevard in Abilene. The college continues to lead in preparing the workforce and preparing students to transfer to four-year universities.

Cisco College has flourished since this new campus opened; providing quality higher education at affordable costs to Taylor County students and equipping them with marketable skills to enter the workforce and actively contribute to the economic base of the region. This benefit to Taylor County has been underwritten by the voters of Eastland County since 2004 at no cost to Taylor County residents. Currently, 85% of Cisco College students attend the Abilene campus and 60% of Cisco College students are residents of Taylor County.

Cisco College has a strong record of student success. The benefits to the residents and quality of life in Abilene, Taylor County is noted in program achievement and job placements rates in Taylor County and the region.

96% - Registered Nurses	80% Medical Clinical Assistants
100% Respiratory Therapists	75% Criminal Justice
80 % Welders & Fitters	75% Early Childcare Education
88% HVAC Technicians	75% Property Management
80% Surgical Technicians	82% Fire Science/Firefighting

The majority of students earning a certificate or degree remain in Abilene (Taylor) County upon completion of their programs. The Branch Maintenance Tax Proposal will ensure: continued lower costs of higher education and preparing students with marketable skills for careers. This benefit will provide programming for qualified health care workers, emergency response personnel, and a marketable workforce to attract new business and industry to the area; thus, creating more jobs and a stronger local economy. Our student's transition from the education and preparation at our Two-Year program experience into six Four-Year University partners: Abilene Christian; Angelo State; Hardin-Simmons; McMurry; Tarleton State; and Texas Tech. This too creates sustainability in our local and area economy.

The proposed Branch Maintenance Tax will enable Cisco College to expand its educational and workforce preparation in healthcare, addressing the impending shortage of nurses in Texas, and better equip individuals for workforce and industry needs of Abilene (Taylor) County and the region. All of which enhance the quality of life and services in Taylor County. A "YES" vote for the Branch Maintenance Tax is a vote for our quality of life in Abilene (Taylor) County and the region. It's just a nickel.