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*As 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary year continues, Napa Valley College  
seeks input from community about its future*

Napa, CA – A recently commissioned independent survey by Napa Valley College shows residents have many priorities for the local college, including safety improvements and upgrades aimed at 21<sup>st</sup> century technology and education for successful student and veteran career preparation.

Conducted in August 2017 by Godbe Research, the survey provides insight into constituent opinions and educational priorities. Top priorities include repairing and upgrading vocational classrooms and training centers for 21<sup>st</sup> century jobs, modernizing science labs and classrooms for job training in technology, computers and engineering, repairing or replacing leaky roofs, and updating classrooms and educational facilities to meet current earthquake, fire and safety codes.

The survey also evaluated constituent interest in a potential educational local funding measure. Over 57% of respondents indicated potential support for a local bond to continue making repairs, upgrades and modernizing the college for successful student career preparation and university transfer, including improved veterans' services, career technical education in the trades and healthcare, and updated science, technology, and engineering classrooms and labs.

“We have these wonderful, successful educational programs that are in demand – from healthcare training to career technical education like [welding](#) and machine tool technology. As educators, we want to continue providing 21<sup>st</sup> century education to local students who move on to become part of the [local workforce](#). The District looks forward to hearing more from the community about their priorities over the coming months.” said Napa Valley College President Ron Kraft.

The District will continue to solicit community input about their vision for the college before any decision is made regarding a local education bond. “For 75 years, Napa Valley College has been a critical part of the community and the economy. We want to hear from as many residents as possible about their vision for the 21<sup>st</sup> century,” continued President Kraft.

For the final report of community survey results, visit [www.napavalley.edu](http://www.napavalley.edu).