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**TO:** Solano Community College District Stakeholders

FROM: Ms. A. Marie Young, Chair, Board of Trustees

SUBJECT: Solano Community College District Presidential Search Progress Report #2

I am pleased to report that we are progressing with the process of selecting a new superintendent president for Solano College. Our national widespread recruitment search has begun. Assisting us in this process is our search consultant, Dr. Pamila Fisher from the Association of Community Colleges, and serving as the Search Liaison to the Board is Dr. Yashica Crawford.

Dr. Fisher and Dr. Crawford will assist the Screening Advisory Committee which is comprised of representatives from the college, the community and the Board of Trustees. The committee already has participated in an orientation session. Later this fall their task will be to review the applications, identity the semi-finalists who will be invited to campus for an interview, and to select 3-5 finalists to forward to the Board of Trustees for their additional review and consideration.

I also am pleased to report that the President Search link that is fully functional is on the Solano College website's homepage at www.solano.edu/presidentsearch. Once at the search page, you will find information about the position, the qualifications, the timeline, the screening committee members and instructions on how to apply for the position. You also will find a section that is critical to both stakeholders and prospective candidates as it describes our collective view of the opportunities and challenges facing Solano College in the next 3-5 years and also what we believe are the ideal characteristics of our next superintendent president.

As new information about the search process becomes available, I will send additional progress reports. All past progress reports may also be found on the president search page. Please direct any inquiries from interested colleagues and community members to that site for more information. Of course, all information related to the applicants and the applicant pool will remain strictly confidential. This is essential to the integrity of the process. Only when the finalists have been selected will I announce their names. At that time, the specific dates and times for open public forums will be announced, but they are scheduled for mid-November. I hope you will attend those forums and meet and learn about each finalist. If you do, you will have an opportunity to provide written comments about each one.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I would like to thank each of you who attended a forum with Dr. Fisher, provided her with comments via email, or completed a response card during the flex day activity. Your input was valuable in the development of the position profile. I also would like to extend a special thank you to members of the Screening Advisory Committee for their willingness to serve in that important role.

In the meantime, thank you for all you do for transforming our students' lives for success and the communities we serve.