

TO: Workforce Investment Board

DATE: 05/08/08

FROM: WIB Staff

For Action

For Information

For Discussion

**SUBJECT: Letter from Dr. Ben Duran to the Merced County Workforce
Investment Board**

PROPOSED MOTION(S): For Information Only

DISCUSSION: On April 21, 2008, the Dept of Workforce Investment received a letter from Dr. Ben Duran thanking the Workforce Investment Board (WIB) for an enjoyable experience as his last term with the WIB will be coming to an end July 1, 2008.

Dr. Duran has had a long relationship with Workforce Investment. He was a member of the Private Industry Council under the Job Training Partnership Act. Dr. Duran has been a member of the current WIB, since its inception in the year 2000. He has been serving on the Youth Council and been an influential member of the WIB for the past 8 years. Dr. Duran has been largely responsible for Worknet's successful relationship over the years with Merced College.

**ATTACHMENT(S):
Letter**

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April 21, 2008

Bob Harmon
Chair
Workforce Investment Board
1880 Wardrobe Avenue
Merced, CA 95341-6407

Dear Bob:

I have served as a member of the Workforce Investment Board, and prior to that the Private Industry Council, for many years. The May WIB meeting is the final meeting for me as I will term out as a representative for Merced College. Unfortunately, I will be unable to join you for that meeting.

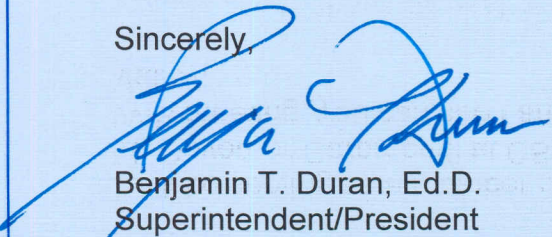
I will be serving as a member of a round table discussion on workforce preparation for Lt. Governor Garamendi at CSU, Stanislaus. Even though I will not be present at the WIB meeting, you can see I am still working on increasing the workforce in the Central Valley.

I would like to thank all past and present Board members for making my stay on WIB an enjoyable one. The WIB does valuable work for Merced County and I anticipate the good work will continue after my tenure comes to an end.

We at Merced College are in the process of hiring a new Vice President of Instruction and hope to have the individual begin employment on July 1, 2008. At that time, I will submit her name as the representative for Merced College and ask that the application be expedited so we continue to have representation on WIB.

Thank you again to you and all the board members of WIB for an enjoyable experience serving as the Merced College representative.

Sincerely,



Benjamin T. Duran, Ed.D.
Superintendent/President

Cc: Andrea Baker, Director, Merced County Workforce Development