

**TO: WIB**

**DATE: 05/11/06**

**FROM: WIB Staff**

**For Action**

**For Information**

**For Discussion**

**SUBJECT: Advocacy Letter**

**PROPOSED MOTION(S): Information only.**

**DISCUSSION: On behalf of the Workforce Investment Board, the attached letter has been sent to the P-16 Co-Chairpersons for the Merced County Pre-School – 16 Education – Community Council, supporting Merced County Office of Education’s application for ARCHES implementation funds.**

**ATTACHMENT(S):  
Letter**



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April 19, 2006

P-16 Co-Chairpersons  
Merced County Pre-School – 16 Education – Community Council  
632 W. 13<sup>th</sup> Street  
Merced, CA. 95340

Dear Co-Chairpersons:

I am writing this letter as a representative of the Workforce Investment Board (WIB) of Merced County to support Merced County Office of Education's application for ARCHES implementation funds.

As a partner in this project, the WIB can contribute to the activities described in the application by:

1. Actively attend Merced County P-16 Council meetings and decisions;
2. Advise educators on academic and career technical program evaluation and initiatives;
3. Provide opportunities for students to job shadow;
4. Provide opportunities for students to tour our facilities;
5. Provide Speakers for Career/Industry Days;
6. Facilitate meetings;
7. Assist with recruitment; and
8. Contribute nominal membership fees.

The WIB supports Merced County's efforts to secure funding to implement its goal of increase student achievement throughout the county. The benefits to our organization will include a better-prepared workforce.

We look forward to working with Merced County P-16 Council partners using continuing support from ARCHES to enhance student achievement, and ultimately the economy and quality of life in the region.

Sincerely,

Nellie McGarry  
Chair

*"Merced County's Workforce Investment system will keep pace with the new growth, the emerging economy, and the ever changing needs of the employers by creating a better educated, highly skilled workforce, that's capable, and prepared, and thoroughly knowledgeable."*