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Hello all,

I am currently the interim Dean of Allied Health & Public Safety at Merritt College. We are including you in this email because your campus have a paramedic program in the San Francisco Bay Area.

Merritt College has decided to develop a Paramedic program which we hope will start in approximately one year. We want to follow BACCC protocol and let you know early. We have an advisory board made up of fire departments from Alameda County (north), as well as educational leaders from the Alameda County Board of Education and Alameda County EMS authorities. We were contacted by Linda Vaughn from the BACCC and our EMS authorities to consider a new program and after reviewing the LMI data, it is apparent that we need more programs in the Bay Area.

We would like to ask your support in this endeavor. We have provided a copy of the latest center for excellence report which indicates a huge gap between jobs and our current efforts to produce completers in this field:

Gap Analysis 2023:

Based on the data included in this report, there is a large labor market gap in the Bay region with 671 annual openings for the Paramedic occupational cluster and 70 annual (3-year average) awards for an annual undersupply of 601 students. In the East Bay Sub-Region, there is also a gap with 224 annual openings and six (6) annual (3-year average) awards for an annual undersupply of 218 students.

Merritt College already has an accredited Fire and Police academy, as well as an EMT program. We have a large science building that has room for this program.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out. Thank you.

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