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Dr. Kevin Walthers

Superintendent/President

Allan Hancock College

800 S. College Dr.

Santa Maria, CA 93454

Subject: Support for the Applied Professional Studies Baccalaureate Degree Program

Dear President Walthers:

I am writing on behalf of [School/District Name], and we are pleased to add our support for the proposed Bachelor of Science in Applied Professional Studies at Allan Hancock College. This initiative is important to us as it not only addresses the need for affordable, in-person baccalaureate degree options within our region but also aligns with our goal to provide our students with staff who reflect their diversity and that of our community.

Your proposed bachelor’s degree offers a promising new way for our students to continue their education within our region. For our graduates who, for financial or personal reasons, are unable to relocate to pursue a four-year degree, this program would allow them to continue their educational journey beyond the associate degree by providing an accessible, local pathway to higher education. Further, as a local program serving the community, this degree would prepare future professionals who reflect our community’s diversity and are thus prepared to provide leadership and services that are inclusive and responsive to our unique needs. For these reasons, we endorse and welcome the establishment of this program, recognizing its potential to enhance the educational experience of our students and contribute to a more diverse and culturally competent professional workforce.

At [District/School Name], we work to ensure our graduates have the preparation they need to succeed in the next steps of their academic journey, and we support efforts to make higher education more accessible to them. We commend Allan Hancock College for its dedication to providing such an opportunity and for prioritizing the preparation of professionals who can serve our diverse community effectively. By supporting the Bachelor of Arts in Applied Professional Studies, we share that vision of a more inclusive, equitable, and culturally responsive educational landscape.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]

[Your Title]

[Your Local High School Name]