2020 Spring BCSGA Elections
Bakersfield College Student Health Fee
Ballot Proposition – Measure H

Should the KCCD Board of Trustees increase the assessed mandatory Student Health fee for every enrolled Bakersfield College student to $21 for fall and spring instructional semesters and $18 for summer instructional semester?

Currently, the KCCD Board of Trustees does require students be assessed a mandatory student health fee. If the fee increase is not approved, the Bakersfield College Student Health and Wellness Center will not be able to support the increase in health supervision and services, including direct or indirect medical and hospitalization services, or the operation of a student health center.

The Mission of SHWC
The mission of the Student Health and Wellness Center (SHWC) at Bakersfield College is "to further the health equity of the educational opportunity. This is accomplished by providing access to high value, student centered and culturally competent health services. Services which promote the physical, emotional and spiritual wellness of its students and their academic environment. This wellness contributes to the educational aim of our college by promoting student persistence and academic success in congruence with the college’s mission, core values and strategic directions.

Who does it affect?
All enrolled Bakersfield College students, regardless if the student uses the direct service or not.

Financial Impact:
Every enrolled Bakersfield College student will be assessed the mandatory fee described above regardless if they use the direct service or not if so approved by the KCCD Board of Trustees.

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Can students get a refund of this fee?
No, not even if the student drops units, except as provided by the KCCD Board of Trustees and the California Education Code.

Are students on BOG required to pay?
Yes, except as provided by the KCCD Board of Trustees and the California Education Code.

Are students on financial assistance provided by the State or Federal government required to pay this fee?
Yes, except as provided the KCCD Board of Trustees and the California Education Code.

Related Regulations & Ed Code:
1. California Student Fee Handbook 2012
2. The California Education Code 76355
Annual Budgets:
- 2014-15 $661,249.00
- 2015-16 $535,150.03
- 2016-17 $600,000.00
- 2017-18 $913,720.87
- 2018-19 $1,036,264.52

Clinic Visits:
- 2012-2013 1,324
- 2013-2014 1,324
- 2014-2015 1,320
- 2015-2016 2,714

Pro Arguments:
- Provides students the opportunity for affordable health care services
- Could improve student health resulting in increased retention and graduation rates
- Promotes alternative health care service, which can reduce student costs
- It will help students who do not have immediate health care
- Students will be able to use the services while at college
- Increase in services for our inner-city as well out towards rural Kern cities
- Potential Development of a telehealth care on mobile devices
- Increase in mental health professionals to see more students

Con Arguments:
- Some people dislike public health and would not use it.
- Students that do not use the SHWC will still have to pay the fee
- Inconsistent accessibility to community stations
- Everyone would pay the fee without an opt out ability

Details:
- A proposition will be placed on the April 2020 BCSGA Spring General Election Ballot.
- To pass the proposition, the election needs a simple majority of “Yes” votes.
- There is no “opt-out” option. Students may petition the College for an exception for students who either (1) depend exclusively upon prayer for healing in accordance with the teachings of a bona fide religious sect, denomination, or organization, or (2) students who are attending BC under an approved apprenticeship training program.
- The Kern Community College District (KCCD) on behalf of Bakersfield College will enter into MOUs for a period of time to be determined.

Choices for this Measure on the Ballot:
1. Yes, the KCCD Board of Trustees should take action to increase the mandatory Student Health Fee to all Bakersfield College students: $21 for fall and spring instructional semesters and $18 for summer instructional semester.
2. No, the KCCD Board of Trustees should not take action to increase the mandatory Services Student Health Fee to all Bakersfield College students.