

FLATHEAD VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

AGENDA ITEM 7

V. COLLEGE ISSUES

A. Student Success: Plumbing Program

BACKGROUND:

Jodi Smith, Director of Continuing Education (CE) will provide an update on FVCC's Plumbing Program.

Continuing Education secured Montana state approval for a Registered Plumbing Apprenticeship that was launched in the Fall of 2023 with 17 students and 8 plumbing business sponsors. Per apprenticeship requirements, FVCC provides 144 hours of Related Technical Instruction (RTI), and the business sponsors provide work-based learning and a progressive wage scale based on the student's learning progression.

This fall, the year one cohort advances to year two; CE launched a second cohort with 12 students and 7 businesses. Teaching the RTI course for CE is Dave Micone, a master plumber for over 51 years, plumbing business owner for seven years, and a State of Montana Chief Plumbing Inspector for 22 years.