



October 18, 2022

Commissioner Harrison Keller  
Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board  
P.O. Box 12788  
Austin, TX 78711-2788

Re: Required Letter of Intent

Commissioner Keller:

This letter is to inform you of the intent of Barbers Hill Independent School District and Lee College to form a Branch Campus supported by a maintenance tax. The Steering Committee members, listed below, met October 12, 2022 to initiate the process, and it is our goal to have deliverables to you by December 12, 2022 for inclusion on the agenda of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board meeting taking place on January 26, 2023. We believe there are many conducive variables that will allow for this Branch Campus to significantly increase the number of local students furthering their education and allow for course offerings that Lee College does not currently have. Our first meeting had very positive interactions, and we believe the synergy of our two storied institutions will have a significant impact on our communities and local economy.

Sincerely,

Dr. Lynda Villanueva  
President, Lee College

Dr. Greg Poole  
Superintendent, Barbers Hill ISD

Gilbert Santana  
Chair, Lee College Board of Regents

Eric Davis  
President, Barbers Hill ISD Board of Trustees

*Steering Committee:*

Sandra Duree, Barbers Hill ISD Deputy Superintendent  
Gilbert Santana, Lee College Board of Regents Chair  
Daryl Fontenot, Lee College Board of Regents Assistant Secretary  
Jimmy Sylvia, Chambers County Judge  
Macie Schubert, West Chamber County Chamber of Commerce President/CEO  
Brad Widener, Energy Transfer, V.P. of Operations  
Brian Winningham, Mont Belvieu City Manager  
Eric Davis, BHISD Board of Trustees President  
Benny May, BHISD Board of Trustees Secretary  
George Barrera, BHISD Board of Trustees Member