

**Opening** “My name is Larry. I reside in Colton, Clackamas County.

**I’m one of the students affected by the automotive cuts.”**

**I wanted to discuss the budgeting process and Budget Committee oversight.**

**1. In declarations for the lawsuit, CCC’s own vice president Shaffer said the cuts were not your decision.** He stated the elimination of these courses was an *administrative* decision — not for the Budget Advisory Committee and not for the Board of Education.

**2. That means your time was wasted.** “If the decision was already made, then the committee’s review was a formality. You were not given the full data, and you were not asked for input before the cuts were finalized.”

**3. CCC made the decision without consulting anyone affected.** “No students were asked. No seniors were asked. No high-school partners were asked. No instructors were asked. CCC eliminated a 35-year program with zero stakeholder input.”

**4. The documents show CCC had the data — they just didn’t share it.** Internal emails show the Business Office was refining payroll taxes, benefits, and savings months before the cuts. Yet CCC told the public they didn’t have the underlying data showing tuition revenue, materials fee revenue, costing and the source of both.

**5. CCC chose litigation over collaboration.** Students and some of your committee members proposed a simple solution: offer these classes through Community Education. No new tools. No new equipment. No new space. Just open the garage doors. Instead, CCC chose to spend money on legal fees to fight its own students.”

**6. In response to board member Krollenbrock’s concerns** stated at the March 13 meeting regarding employees at the automotive tool room facing a two month reduction in wages, I wanted to mention that one of the two tool room employees used to teach one of the Saturday Automotive Restoration classes and could do so again should the course be reinstated.

**My Closing ask** “I’m asking this committee to insist on transparency and to push CCC to work with the community instead of shutting us out.”

Thank You