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TO: Mayor Chelminiak and City Councilmembers

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SUBJECT: Bellevue College Presentation – Dr. Jerry Weber

At tonight's meeting, the City Council is being joined by Dr. Jerry Weber, President of Bellevue College. Dr. Weber will provide an overview of the College's strategic direction.

Dr. Weber is a strong advocate of community colleges as affordable, open-access pathways for students to achieve their life and career goals. Previously he served as president of the College of Lake County just outside of Chicago, Illinois, (2009-2017), and before that as president of Kankakee Community College (2001-2009).

Dr. Weber's dedication to the value of community colleges and workforce development was recognized by his peers when he was elected to the board of directors of the American Association of Community Colleges (AACCC). He is the founding chair for the [Sustainability Education & Economic Development \(SEED\) Center](#) in which colleges commit to sharing information and resources for developing a sustainable campus and workforce. Dr. Weber holds a Ph.D. in Higher Education Administration and an M.A. in Educational Measurement and Statistics from the University of Iowa. He has also earned an M.A. in Linguistics and English Literature and a B.A. in English from Northern Illinois University.

His presentation – *Bellevue College, the Future is Now* – will include highlights and perspectives on the College's strategic direction. From offering a new Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Science to its inaugural residence hall and construction on a new Student Success Center, Bellevue College is redefining the landscape within higher education. More information about the Bellevue College vision is available online at:

<https://www.bellevuecollege.edu/futurevision/>