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Hello Tom,

Frightfully sorry for taking so long to get this to you but I was honestly thinking I was going to hear some good news from the administration regarding the program... I didn't and likely won't come, so my message is below. Would you please post it on your website? Thank you Tom.

Best Regards,  
Lee Snorteland  
Sierra College Automotive

Sierra College management plans on keeping the automotive program going long enough to allow current students to term out. They will then stop taking on new students to the program. Their position is that they want to find emerging automotive technology opportunities for students that will pay more than \$26.16/hr to start which school mgmt says is a minimum living wage in the Sacramento area. They say putting the program in a hibernative state will give them time to find and address these new technologies (what these are is a real head scratcher because they nor anyone else knows what these could be!).

School funding for the program has been throttled way back starting many years ago to the point where there are no full time instructors nor a dept chair. Facility maintenance, equipment (tools, training equip, etc) and curriculum have also suffered.

The decision to scale back (which could result in the closing down of the dept) will make it's way to the board of trustees next week, May 14th. What I believe is needed at this point is to have the local community of automotive service employers (who write the paychecks) attend this board meeting and let the trustees know that the local automotive service industry needs to hire students to not only replace retiring technicians but to address both the increase in vehicles on the road and the increased complexity of vehicles.

So we faculty at Sierra College's automotive department really need your help in attending this upcoming meeting and voice your support of local automotive training here at Sierra College.

The meeting will be held on **May 14<sup>th</sup> (Wednesday)** at 3pm at our Grass Valley campus:

Sierra College

Library (bldg. N6) room 101

250 Sierra College Dr, Grass Valley, CA 95945 [\(530\) 274-5300](tel:5302745300) (press 7)

Take the Dorsey Drive exit west off of Hwy 49. Dorsey Drive turns into Sierra College Drive.

Best Regards,

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