

STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND OCCUPATIONAL EDUCATION

December 14, 2022

TOPIC: Colorado Community College System Land Acknowledgment

PRESENTED BY:

Dr. Ryan Ross, Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, Equity, and Inclusion

RELATIONSHIP TO THE STRATEGIC PLAN:

The Key priority: Equity

EXPLANATION:

As a step toward creating equitable cultures within CCCS institutions, like many colleges and universities, we have developed a system wide land acknowledgement. On the surface, an Indigenous land acknowledgement is a formal statement an organization uses to recognize that it sits on what was once the land of a Native American tribe. More comprehensively, a land acknowledgement provides CCCS the opportunity to:

- foreground the marginalized history of the institution and its region;
- raise awareness about ongoing colonialism and land-based injustice; and
- raise awareness about a lack of representation of Indigenous people.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff is present to share the Land Acknowledgment Statement and recommends the State Board, leadership, and staff open all board meetings, public events, and large community gatherings with this statement.

ATTACHMENT(S):

CCCS Land Acknowledgment Statement