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## Governor seeks \$17 million for building at LFCC



The \$19-million Hazel science and technology building would stand just south of “The Barn” on Lord Fairfax Community College’s Fauquier campus near Warranton.

Gov. Terry McAuliffe last week introduced his proposed state budget and a bond package that would include \$17 million for a **science and technology building at Lord Fairfax Community College** near Warrenton.

“LFCC is very excited that the governor’s proposal includes construction of a STEM-H academic building at our Fauquier Campus,” LFCC President Cheryl Thompson-Stacy said. “This building is greatly needed, because the campus lacks sufficient lab and classroom space.

“We can expand our programs in high-demand fields such as healthcare, **engineering**, and cyber defense and be better equipped to train a skilled workforce for our region,” Dr. Thompson-Stacy added.

The 40,000-square-foot classroom structure would stand just south of “The Barn” at LFCC.

In October 2013, the family of the late William A. Hazel Sr. donated **\$1 million** toward planning and construction of the building. The college foundation has raised another \$650,000 toward \$2 million needed for its share of the project.

Gov. McAuliffe (D) on Dec. 17 formally will present his first biennial budget proposal to the General Assembly. The state legislature, which Republicans control, on Jan. 13 will open a 60-day session, with the budget as the central issue.

“I believe we are working our way toward securing that expansion,” Del. Scott Lingamfelter (R-31st/Woodbridge) said of the LFCC project Friday in Warrenton. Del. Lingamfelter, who chairs the House Appropriations Committee, expressed support for the building’s funding during the Fauquier Chamber of Commerce’s Legislative Preview Breakfast.

The governor’s proposed budget allots \$214 million for STEM-related projects at three state community colleges, including Lord Fairfax.

LFCC officials three years ago began planning the \$19.9 million building for the Fauquier campus.



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