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Texas Higher Education Commissioner to meet with Odessa College officials

ODESSA (Jan. 30, 2014) – Higher Education Commissioner Raymund Paredes will travel to Odessa on Monday, Feb. 3, to meet with Odessa College administrators, employees and students. Dr. Paredes meetings will be held from 12 p.m.-4 p.m. and will include the following:

1. Presentations on student retention and success rates, D4C (Design for Completion), Vision 2015 Community Support
2. Tour of new facilities including Culinary Arts, Instrumentation Lab, EMS and Fire Technology, and the Wood Building for Math and Science.
3. Meet and Greet in the Saulsbury Center – [Media interviews](#)
4. Presentation by Commissioner Paredes to all OC employees

“Odessa College is excited to host another visit from Dr. Paredes. He visited our campus approximately three to four years ago, and it is always an honor for the College to have him spend time with us. His visit provides the opportunity to exchange valuable information with him about our innovative programs, new strategies, and our vision for Odessa College,” said OC President Greg Williams. “We now have several new Vision 2015 facilities open, such as the Culinary Arts, Wood Building of Math and Science, and Fire Technology Center, and classes are being held in those areas. “

Dr. Paredes is looking forward to “having an informative conversation with Odessa College administrators, faculty and students. The Coordinating Board and I believe that every opportunity to hear directly from higher education stakeholders is invaluable in helping inform state policy and future strategic planning efforts for higher education in Texas.”

Media interviews would be best from 3-3:15 p.m. at the “Meet and Greet” in the Saulsbury Center. For more information, contact Cheri Dalton, director of media relations and publications, 432-335-6530.