TIMELY WARNING – SAFETY ALERT
West Valley College and Mission College

Incident Type: Email Scam (Phishing) / Grand Theft
Date Occurred: 11/30/19
Date Reported: 12/12/19 and 12/13/19

DETAILS: The purpose of this warning is to alert the campus communities about an email scam that has affected several people at West Valley College. In these cases, the victims received an email from someone they did not know, offering to pay them for work. Once agreed to, the suspect sends the victim a fraudulent check to deposit in their bank account. Once the check is deposited, the victims are asked to return a portion of the money for various reasons. The requested return method has been either MoneyGram or money order. In one instance, the email address used by the suspect(s) was very similar to a West Valley College email address and the second incident involved an Outlook address.

If you receive one of these email messages or have been a victim of one of these scams, we encourage you to file a complaint with the FBI Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3) at www.ic3.gov and notify the District Police Department via the methods outlined below.

SUSPECTS: Unknown
Email addresses used: One email address used looks very similar to a West Valley email address but is slightly different and has a different “reply to” address. The second email address is associated to Outlook.

Do not open or respond to the following or similar email addresses:

Bescobedo2@mywvm.wvm.edu
bescobe2@mywvm.wvm.edu
SarahPickett11@outlook.com

If you have any information about these or any similar incidents, please call 408-741-2067 or you can leave an anonymous tip at: westvalley@tipnow.com or 408-414-7908 or mission@tipnow.com or 408-550-7982

To report suspicious activity or a crime on campus, call 408-299-3233 on your cell phone or 911 immediately

Safety Tips
1. Use caution when opening or responding to unfamiliar emails
2. Be wary of offers to make easy money or investment opportunities
3. Do not deposit checks from unknown parties and do not send money to people you do not know
4. Do not provide personal information to people you don’t know

It is the duty of the West Valley-Mission Community College District to warn of possible dangerous conditions or ongoing threats on or near campus. This message is being sent in compliance with the “Timely Notice” provisions of the federal Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security and Campus Crime Statistics Act of 1998.