



2019 CCLC Policy Agenda Overview

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Educational Opportunity and Quality

- General operating dollars fund innovation on campus
- Investing in general resources through an increase to formula funding rates enables and supports the development of highly functional campuses
- A cost of living adjustment is essential for all districts' stability and sustainability

College Facilities

- 2016 voters approved a facilities bond providing \$2 billion in infrastructure investment
- Advocate for the funding of all capital outlay projects

Project and Expand Dual Enrollment Pathways

- **Remove the sunset on College and Career Access pathways (AB288)**
- Early exposure to higher education has a positive impact on students, especially underrepresented students
- Participation in dual enrollment courses results in increased college-going rates and greater persistence in higher education

Affordability, Food & Housing Access

- Assist community colleges in helping students meet their basic needs
- Secure resources to help community colleges reduce housing and food insecurities
- Modification of the rules to approve qualified CalFresh vendors

Financial Aid

- Equitable Fund Cal grants for community college students
- 2018-2019 state budget continues to distribute less than 10% of Cal Grant resources despite the fact that community college students comprise two-thirds of the higher education population