

Dr. Jose Fierro
President's Message
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Dear Colleagues,

Cerritos College is in the process of creating the next five-year [Educational Master Plan](#). This plan will effectively guide all the other strategic planning that happens on our campus. We have been working on what will go into the plan and would like to hear from you! Please join us on **Friday, February 10** from **8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** in the **Cerritos College Student Center**. We will be hosting a full-day planning charrette, which will be an intensive planning session where all stakeholders will collaborate on a vision for further developing our Educational Master Plan.

During the event, we will bring together an estimated 100+ participants for an active, hands-on discussion. Attendees will include representatives from faculty, classified staff, confidential staff, administration and students. We are also seeking participation from representatives from the business community, elected officials, K-12 educators, chamber members as well as other current and future partners. We believe that by bringing together both internal and external perspectives, we can have dialogue that helps us create a strategic plan for the District and Education Master Plans for the college that are responsive to the needs of our students, regional employers and the community as a whole.

The charrette will feature presentations describing the current state of education within the District along with information on employment and community trends that will likely influence our decision making. We will also have a series of facilitated discussions that allow for active participation by all attendees.

Please click on the link below to **RSVP by Friday, January 27**. When you RSVP, you will be asked to select the themes/topics that you would like to be a part of during the breakout discussion groups. These themes are the preliminary set of key issues that emerged from a series of focus groups as well as interviews with the Board of Trustees as part of the early planning process for this plan.

RSVP HERE: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/rsvpEMPCharette>

A continental breakfast, lunch and drinks will be provided. An agenda and meeting materials will be sent a week in advance of the meeting for your review. Your participation is important to us and essential to the process. We are looking forward to having you involved in this charrette.

Best,
Jose Fierro, D.V.M., Ph.D.
President/Superintendent