

Dr. Jose Fierro
President's Message
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Dear Colleagues,

As you know from my previous update, the May Revise delivered a great deal of support for community colleges. After I sent the previous update, we received notification that the revised funding formula may provide Cerritos College with an increase in funding of approximately \$16 million (based on current projections).

While this was certainly welcome news, we are not out of the woods yet. Yesterday, the Governor's proposed revised funding formula was rejected by the Senate Budget Committee on Education by a 2-1 vote, while the online college proposal was supported by a 2-1 vote. The rejected funding formula was sent to the full Senate and Assembly budget committees. **Yet again, we are left uncertain of our funding structure for the next fiscal year.** It is very concerning that we are reaching the end of the current fiscal year and we do not have a clear picture or expectation as to what our next fiscal year brings us in regard to finances.

We all have worked very hard to place the college in the best possible position to benefit from a new funding model that provides the best possible experience for our students. Since the Senate Budget Committee rejected the funding proposal on a 2-1 vote, we cannot slow down our advocacy efforts. **I encourage you to contact local legislators and ask them to support the Governor's proposal that will greatly benefit the student experience at Cerritos College.**

I wish that I had better news, or that I could provide an estimation of our budget for the next fiscal year. Rest assured, I will continue to advocate for a fair funding formula in support of our district and our students.

Best,
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President/Superintendent