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Dear Colleagues,

Below is a summary of the governor's proposed budget for 2025. The budget is quite straightforward. The good news is that a cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) has been included, along with a small amount allocated for growth. While there isn't a substantial increase in funding, overall, this budget is not unfavorable for community colleges at this time. However, please keep in mind that this budget was developed prior to the fires.

Governor Newsom's Proposed 2025-26 Budget

On Friday, Governor Newsom's administration released the proposed 2025-26 Budget, which will serve as the foundation for legislative discussions in the upcoming budget subcommittee hearings. You can find the entire 2025-26 [Budget Summary](#).

Key Proposals:

- **Master Plan for Career Education:**
 - \$100 million one-time Prop 98 funds for expanding Credit for Prior Learning and Career Passport infrastructure.
 - \$5 million to establish a coordinating body for TK-12, higher education, and workforce agencies.
 - \$4 million for regional coordination in career education and training.
- **California Community Colleges:**
 - 2.43% COLA for apportionment funding (\$230.4m ongoing Prop 98) and a 0.5% increase for enrollment growth (\$30.4m ongoing Prop 98).
 - \$168 million one-time Prop 98 for the Statewide Technology Transformation project.
 - \$162.5 million (\$133.5m one-time, \$29m ongoing) Prop 98 for a systemwide common data platform.
 - \$51.5 million Prop 2 bond funding for facilities construction and modernization.
 - \$30 million ongoing Prop 98 to expand the Rising Scholars Network program.
 - 2.43% COLA for select categoricals (\$16.0m ongoing Prop 98).
- **California Student Aid Commission:**
 - \$2.6 billion total spending on the Cal Grant program (up from \$2.4b in 2024-25).
 - No proposal for the implementation of the Cal Grant Equity Framework.

We will keep you updated as more details emerge from the Department of Finance and the Governor's office.

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