

Dr. Jose Fierro
President's Message
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Dear Colleagues,

Things are moving very fast in Sacramento today. The Governor, the Speaker of the Assembly and the Senate President Pro-tempore reached an agreement on the state budget. The final meeting in which approval of the budget is expected will be held today at 3 p.m. Below please find a summary of the changes related to the community colleges funding formula. If you have additional questions please let me know; I have been on the phone most of the morning with our Sacramento friends and I might be able to answer detailed questions.

California Online College

Online community college as proposed by the Governor—\$120 million in 2018-19 (with \$100 million one-time and \$20 million ongoing). Building on the provisions included in the Governor's May revision, the agreement includes additional language to specify alignment between the online college and other community colleges. Further, the agreement also includes \$35 million one-time to support the Online Education Initiative.

Funding Formula

A three-year phase-in of the formula, with the model designed to provide 70 percent for the base allocation, 20 percent for the equity allocation, and 10 percent for the student success allocation in 2018-19 (a 70-20-10 split), with a 65-20-15 split in 2019-20 and a 60-20-20 split in 2020-21. We will work on numbers to understand the full impact to Cerritos College and will do our best to accurately reflect it in our budget presentation scheduled for June 20.

As part of the equity and student success allocations, use of counts for all College Promise Grant recipients, rather than only College Promise Grant recipients age 25 and over (as was proposed in the May revision).

Extension of the discretionary funds to cover a three-year period, which guarantees that all districts would receive funding increases at least equal to the cost-of-living adjustment for those three transition years.

Have a great weekend!

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