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Dear Colleague,

Governor Newsom released the May Revision to the 2021/22 budget on May 14, 2021, which I am pleased to advise includes dedicated funding increases for California community colleges.

The highlights for **ongoing funding** proposals in the Governor's budget includes:

- A COLA increase of 4.05% for the general fund and apprenticeship funding
- A COLA increase of 1.7% for the DSPS, EOPS/CARE, and CalWORKs categorical programs
- Full elimination of cash deferrals from previous years Funding for 0.5% growth in the funding formula
- A 5% increase to the Student Equity and Achievement (SEA) Program. The January requirement for actionable plans to close equity gaps is now tied to this funding so Districts must submit board-approved plans by September 30, 2022 stating how they will close equity gaps by 40% in 2023 and fully by 2027
- A 5% increase to the Strong Workforce Program
- \$30 million for student Basic Needs Centers (in addition to the January proposal of \$30 million for basic needs mental health and technology access)
- \$10 million for program pathways technology and program mapping
- \$4 million for expanded library services/platform
- \$10.6 million for an online education ecosystem and infrastructure
- \$50 million to expand vocational training / ESL programs – programs must be linked to pathways to credit programs
- The May Revise also maintained the January budget proposal of:
 - \$15 million to expand the California Apprenticeship Initiative
 - \$8 million for increased broadband access

The highlights for **one-time funding** proposals in the Governor's budget includes:

- \$115 million for establishing Zero Cost Textbook Pathways
- \$100 million additional funding for retention and enrollment efforts for students that have dropped or may drop due to COVID-19
- \$4 billion for student housing with 60% to be used for construction/renovation. This will be targeted for colleges serving underrepresented students. A requirement that students take an average of 15 degree-applicable units per semester is also being proposed.
- \$75 million for incentives to establish College and Career Access Pathways (CCAP) agreements with K-12 schools
- \$2.5 million for instructional materials for dual enrollment students
- \$150 million for continued implementation of Guided Pathways
- \$20 million to build on the Workforce Development High Road Training Partnerships/Construction Careers
- \$20 million to implement Equal Employment Opportunity best practices
- \$10 million for work-based learning in cloud computing, zero emission tech, and supply chain fuels (in addition to the January proposal of \$20 million to expand work-based learning models)

- \$10 million for a workgroup to plan and implement competency based education
- \$50 million in COVID-19 block grant to support the transition back to onsite instruction
- \$10 million to develop and implement common course numbering across the system
- \$314 million in state and \$250 million in federal funds for scheduled maintenance (it is anticipated this will also support instructional equipment/library materials)
- The May Revise also maintained the January budget proposals of:
 - Items from the early adoption bills that have already funded
 - \$20 million for faculty professional development
 - \$600 thousand for implementation of the AB1460 ethnic studies requirement and anti-racism initiatives
- Continued state contributions to CalPERS and CalSTRS to offset increased employer contributions, although we will still see increases to employer contributions to both retirement systems
- Capital Outlay funding for the working drawing phase of the PSTC project

While this budget proposal is certainly good news for California community colleges, this information may change through additional state budget processes. We do not yet know exactly how these changes will affect SRJC and we expect to receive more information from the state in June. Once we have informed projections on the specific impacts for SRJC, I will provide another update to you.

I want to thank each of you for the work you have done to support the implementation of SRJC’s 2018 Long-Range Plan to Fiscal Stability. Together, we will focus on moving forward with the reductions called for in the final three years of the plan. Our common goal is to resolve our fiscal challenges in a manner resulting in long-term financial health for the District. For more information on the Long-Range Plan and all budget updates, please visit the [budget updates website](#).

Please feel free to reach out to me directly with any questions or suggestions for ways I can partner with you in this work. I am grateful to be able to bring you this news of increased state funding for community colleges.

Sincerely,
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