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Campus Community,

Happy Friday, and I hope everyone has enjoyed their week. On **December 7, 2023**, the California Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO) released its [Fiscal Outlook](#), which discusses the potential ramifications of a \$68 billion revenue shortfall for the California State's Budget for 2024-2025. The LAO says their projections, from 2022-2023 through 2027-2028, show a cumulative deficit of \$155 billion. We are monitoring the state fiscal situation very closely, and the next important date is **January 10, 2024**, or around that time, Governor Gavin Newsom will release his proposed budget for the 2024-2025 fiscal year. As we enter the [2024-2025 Budget Development](#), one of my goals is to provide you with additional information on the state budget as we develop the 2024-2025 Compton Community College District Budget.

As we develop the 2024-2025 Compton CCD Budget and continue to update our [Five-Year Fiscal Management Plan](#). At my request, Wrenna Finche, vice chancellor of Fiscal Health and accounting for the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office, provided me with the Compton CCD State General Apportionment Memo that clarifies the exclusive and statutory protection of our Full-Time Equivalent Students (FTES) and summarizes the benefits we have received thus far. Click [here](#) to read the **December 12, 2023** memo.

The Compton CCD State General Apportionment Memo reiterates what was explained in the [October 7, 2021, presentation to the Academic Senate](#) by Chris Ferguson, the California Department of Finance's Program Budget Manager, and myself regarding our FTES Hold-Harmless Protection and our Total Computational Revenue. Please note that even though our enrollment was declining, our state revenues were not impacted because of our [legislative advocacy](#). The 2022 California State Budget Act includes the "**funding floor**" for California Community Colleges. Our **funding floor** is based on our 2017-2018 FTES of 5,980. Therefore, with the permanent state general apportionment **funding floor** set by the 2022 Budget Act, our funding will not be less than the hold-harmless funding from 2024-2025 for the 2026-2027 year. This is significant; however, with the state fiscal situation, I am extremely concerned, and we will continue to monitor the California State Budget closely.

Today's President/CEO Message – December 15, 2023, includes a reminder of the St. John's Student Health Center hours, a link to the Fall 2023 Nursing Pinning photos, an update on the 2023-2024 Enrollment Management proposals, and more.

Winter and Spring 2024 Enrollment Update

As of **Monday, December 11, 2023**, Compton College has generated:

- 246 FTES for the Winter 2024 term. Our fill rate for Winter is currently 66%, and seats filled is 2,152.
- 693 FTES for the Spring 2024 term. Our fill rate for Spring is currently 28%, and seats filled is 4,667.

We must continue to encourage current and new students to register as soon as possible for the winter term and spring semester, as **Every FTES Counts**. The Student Services Division will be scheduling extended hours, including a couple of Saturdays in February, to provide additional application and registration assistance to students.

Student Health Center Updated Holiday Hours

The St. John's Student Health Center will be open on **Monday, December 18, 2023**, for their normal operating hours next week: Mondays, 11:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., and Tuesday-Thursday, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The Health Center will be closed for the holidays on **December 25, 2023**, and **January 1, 2024**. Otherwise, they will remain open during the winter recess to serve students: Mondays – 11:00 a.m.-7:30 p.m. and Tuesdays-Fridays – 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Fall 2023 Nursing Pinning Ceremony

The keynote speaker at last week's Nursing Pinning Ceremony, Dr. Latonya Barnett-Botshekan, was amazing. Congratulations to our nursing students for their accomplishments and to the faculty and staff for a great celebration. Click [here](#) to view photos from the **December 5, 2023**, ceremony. Thank you to everyone who was involved with the planning of the fall 2023 Nursing Pinning Ceremony, especially Dr. Shirley Thomas, interim associate dean of nursing.

2023-2024 Requisition Cut-Off Dates

The 2023-2024 fiscal year will close on **June 30, 2024**. After **Friday, April 5, 2024**, the Compton CCD will not initiate new purchase orders in our Unrestricted General Fund or Restricted General Funds. Any exceptions must have President/CEO or Cabinet-level approval before processing.

All requisitions must be in the BEST system and approved by the Purchasing Department by the end of the day on **Friday, April 5, 2024**. However, we do recognize that the campus community has needs that may arise. The President/CEO Cabinet will evaluate and prioritize requests after **Friday, April 5, 2024**, on a case-by-case basis. Examples of high priorities include health and safety emergencies and summer programs with student-related needs.

BLANKET POs: The Compton CCD will not accept Blanket POs with an open date past **June 30, 2024**. Please review all current BPOs to ensure that all goods and services will be received on or before **June 30, 2024**. If you determine that goods and/or services will not be received before **June 30, 2024**, the POs should be closed or adjusted. Please contact the Purchasing Department for assistance. We may be able to process Prepayments for goods or services that are to be received after **June 30, 2024**, under certain conditions.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Purchasing Department: Roy Patterson, ext. 2123, Flor Ortiz, ext. 2115, or Reuben James, ext. 2110.

President/CEO Closing the Loop

1. The Enrollment Management Committee has [approved five proposals for 2023-2024 funding](#). The committee allocated \$100,000 to fund proposals that are directly linked to the [Compton College 2023-2024 Goals](#) and the [Completion by Design Framework](#). Be on the lookout for an email from Nicole Jones, vice president of Student Services, for more information on approved allocations.
2. We just received notification from the College Futures Foundation that we were awarded \$300,000 over the next three years to support our Dual Enrollment efforts. The budget includes funding for another full-time Admissions & Records Specialist, faculty professional development stipends, updates to the Dual Enrollment Handbook, the creation of student video testimonies, the creation of English/Spanish language dual enrollment benefits material, the promotion of the new "Compton College 12 units in 4 years" campaign, and funding for the [DualEnroll.com](#). Thank you to Dr. Cesar Jimenez, dean of Counseling and Guided Pathways, for writing this grant proposal on behalf of Compton College.

How Would You Describe Compton College-2023?

How would you describe 2023 in terms of what Compton College has accomplished? If you could use one word to illustrate how we have helped students succeed this year, what would it be? Please send ONE WORD to Sylvia Barakat, sbarakat@compton.edu, by 4:00 p.m. on **Friday, January 5, 2024**. We will create a word cloud and include it in a future [President/CEO Message](#).

An opportunity drawing will be held in **January 2024** for those who submit a word that describes Compton College's 2023 accomplishments (one entry per person). The winner will be announced in a future [President/CEO Message](#).

Final Thoughts

At the Compton CCD Board of Trustees meeting on **December 12, 2023**, the Board of Trustees approved [Resolution No. 12-12-2023A - Authorizing the Investigation of the Feasibility of Local Funding Sources](#), which allows me to investigate the feasibility of local school funding opportunities for Compton CCD, by obtaining additional financial and legal information, as well as community input regarding the facility and technology needs of the District; and to identify new funding sources for those needs, including a potential local Proposition 39 bond election in **November 2024**. For us to compete with our surrounding community colleges, we need to continue to build new facilities to support student success.

My office, along with the mailroom/switchboard, Foundation for Community College District Office, and Community Relations, moved into our new offices today, **December 15, 2023**. We will be open for business on **Monday, December 18, 2023**. Let's see how long we will be in this temporary space as the Administration Building renovation will begin soon.

Thank you to everyone for all their work in support of student success, and please enjoy your weekend with your family and friends.

Sincerely,

Keith Curry, Ed.D.
(he/him/his)
President/CEO
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