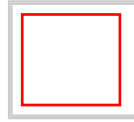


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Welcome back to school and what should prove to be a productive year for California's Community Colleges and the Community College Association/CCA.

This year's state budget provided many enhancements for community colleges, thanks to the lobbying efforts of the California Teachers Association/CTA and CCA in what could have been a very devastating budget year. The 2004-05 budget increases overall K-14 education spending by more than \$2 billion from last year. It restored \$200 million to community colleges and protected the integrity of Proposition 98.

2004-2005 State Budget Highlights

- 7% Total system increase
- \$106.6 million for a 2.41% COLA for general apportionment (\$100.2 million) and selected categorical programs (\$6.4 million). \$121.1 million for 3 percent (systemwide) enrollment growth for all eligible districts.
- \$27 million for enrollment growth for an estimated 33 districts that were above their funded enrollment caps in the 2003-04 fiscal year.
- \$80 million for equalization of funding per credit FTES.
- \$6 million for matriculation, assessment and counseling for non-credit students. These funds require an equal local match.
- \$26.4 million for instructional equipment, library materials and facility maintenance.
- The above increases are offset by a \$31.4 million **reduction** due to the last minute veto of Partnership for Excellence funds that had been proposed for incorporation into the general apportionment base of the districts. AB 1417 will allow districts that meet specified criteria (approximately 25 districts) to access funds allocated to them for instructional equipment and facility maintenance to use these funds to maintain the partnership for excellence investments for another year.

The recently submitted Report of the California Performance Review/CPR offers several recommendations for change throughout California in government, health & human services, education & workforce preparation and several other areas. CCA is working with other faculty organizations, the Chancellor's Office and the legislature to ensure that California's Community Colleges remain a focal point in higher education and that community college faculty rights remain guaranteed in law.

To access the CPR online visit <http://www.report.cpr.ca.gov/> To find the section on Education go to: Issues and Recommendations V and then review chapter 3, Education, Training and Volunteerism. You may also wish to review Volume 2, Appendices-Evaluating California's Boards and Commissions see under Education and Workforce Preparation

CPR Highlights

- Volume II. Appendix. Evaluating California's Boards and Commissions-eliminates the Board of Governors
- ETV 01- Restructure the Role of the Secretary of Education-the Secretary of Education would oversee K-20 education and workforce preparation
- ETV 03- Consolidate Selected State Higher Education Agencies- The California Community College Chancellor's Office, the California Postsecondary Education Commission, the California Student Aid Commission and the Bureau for Private Postsecondary and Vocational Education should be restructured and consolidated into a single, unified Higher Education Division
- ETV 27- Modify the 75 Percent Full-Time Community College Faculty Requirement-excludes some career/technical courses for the 75:25 requirement

- ETV 33-Require Community Service of Public College and University Students-requires all students enrolled in California's public colleges and universities to perform a minimum of 16 hours of community service in order to receive their degree or certificate.

This school year has begun with unique challenges and opportunities to California's Community Colleges and you can rest assured that the Community College Association/CCA will be there advocating for you, the community college faculty who we serve.

Any questions? Call the CCA office at 916/726-4207.

