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President/CEO Message - July 16, 2026

Campus Community,

As we prepare for the 2026-2027 academic year, Compton College is reviewing the impact of new federal student loan provisions included in the One Big Beautiful Bill Act (H.R. 1), which will reduce student loan eligibility for students enrolled less than full-time. Under the new federal requirements, borrowing capacity for students enrolled less than full-time is proportional to their full-time enrollment. Last year, 249 Compton College students received approximately \$1.9 million in federal student loans, and we are currently reviewing the number of units those students attempted and earned, as well as the amounts disbursed. For example, under the new guidelines, a first-year dependent student enrolled in 12 units may borrow up to \$5,500; a first-year dependent student enrolled in 9 units may borrow up to \$4,125; and a first-year dependent student enrolled in 6 units may borrow up to \$2,750. Similar reductions apply to second-year and continuing dependent students. In this example, independent students may borrow at higher amounts. Our Financial Aid Department is updating its policies, procedures, and systems to ensure compliance and to evaluate the potential impact on our students. In addition, in the coming weeks, we will send a communication to second-year and continuing student borrowers about this new student loan provision.

As a part of Compton College participating in the state-wide College Promise Program, we must comply with [Assembly Bill 19, Community colleges: California College Promise](#) and [Assembly Bill 2, Community colleges: California College Promise](#), which states we must participate in the federal loan program authorized under Title IV of the federal Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (20 U.S.C. Sec. 1070 et seq.). However, under the One Big Beautiful Bill Act (H.R. 1), we can now explore implementing a policy and accompanying procedures to limit the loan amount to each borrower for each of our programs of study. As we implement the [Return on Investment and Economic Mobility Framework Initiative](#) and assess the financial implications for the district related to implementing the new provisions in the One Big Beautiful Bill Act (H.R. 1) for federal student loans, setting loan limits for implementation in the 2027-2028 year will be a priority. More information on the new provisions in the federal student loans and the process for setting loan limits will be included in future [President/CEO Messages](#).

This week's message includes summer and fall enrollment updates, extended registration assistance for fall 2026, Cash for College webinars, the weekly Farmers' Market, the President/CEO Closing the Loop, and the upcoming Compton Community College District Board of Trustees meeting.

Compton College Enrollment Update

- **Summer 2026** (as of the July 13 Census): 587 FTES, and 4,818 (73%) of the available seats are filled.
- **Fall 2026** (as of July 15): 958 FTES, and 6,521 (36%) of the available seats are currently filled.

We currently have 37 days until the start of fall 2026 classes, and we need to continue assisting students with registration. Students should be encouraged to explore the [Schedule of Classes](#) and register early to secure courses and times that fit their schedules. Students interested in enrolling are encouraged to connect with a counselor to develop an education plan and stay on track toward graduation or transfer. Meeting with a Financial Aid Coordinator is also strongly recommended, as many financial assistance programs are available to help students navigate their options and support their academic journey. ***Every enrollment counts!***

Extended Registration Assistance Available for Fall 2026

Compton College will offer extended registration assistance for students who need help enrolling in fall 2026 classes. Support will be available ***Monday, August 17, 2026***, through ***Friday, September 4, 2026***, from 8:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., with additional assistance on ***Saturday, August 22, 2026***, from 8:00 a.m. to noon. Employees

are encouraged to share this information with students who may need help completing registration, selecting classes, or finalizing their fall schedules.

Cash for College Webinars Available for Students

Students who still need help completing the 2026–2027 FAFSA or California Dream Act Application are encouraged to attend a free Cash for College online webinar hosted by the California Student Aid Commission. The webinars provide application guidance, live Q&A, and, during select sessions, virtual office hours for additional support. California community college students should submit their 2026–2027 FAFSA or CADAA by **September 2, 2026**, to be considered for state financial aid. Visit the [CSAC Cash for College website](#) for upcoming webinar dates and registration information.

Reminder: Weekly Farmers' Market

As a reminder, the weekly Compton College Farmers' Market is available to both students and employees on Wednesdays from 3:00 to 7:30 p.m. in The Village, next to Lot A. Currently enrolled students are eligible to receive \$20 in vouchers to purchase fresh produce and other available items. Please continue to share this resource with students, especially those who may benefit from additional food support. Participants are also encouraged to follow standard food safety practices, including washing fresh fruits and vegetables before eating or preparing them.

President/CEO Closing the Loop

As noted in the Final Thoughts section of the [President/CEO Message – July 9, 2026](#), we are beginning to announce the new Classified Professionals positions funded in the [Tentative 2026–2027 Compton Community College District Budget](#). Through the 2026-2027 annual planning process for Compton College, I have approved the following new Classified Professionals positions:

- Tool Room Attendant for the Business & Industrial Studies Division
- Instructional Design Support Specialist for Distance Education
- Athletic Trainer

These positions reflect ongoing efforts to align staffing with institutional priorities, support student success, and ensure departments have the resources needed to serve students and the campus community effectively.

Compton Community College District Board of Trustees Meeting

On **Monday, July 20, 2026**, the Board of Trustees will meet in the Board Room in the Administration Building. All regular session meetings are open to the public. The closed session begins at 5:00 p.m., with the open session commencing at 6:00 p.m. The Board Agenda is posted 72 hours in advance of the meeting. Agendas are posted on the BoardDocs website under the "Meetings" tab at <http://www.boarddocs.com/ca/compton/Board.nsf/Public>.

Final Thoughts

In previous President/CEO Messages this spring, including [March 20, 2026](#), and [April 24, 2026](#), I wrote about our implementation of [Assembly Bill 481 - Law Enforcement and State Agencies: Military Equipment: Funding, Acquisition, and Use](#). As previously mentioned, Assembly Bill 481 is a state transparency law that requires public agencies to disclose information about certain police equipment, adopt governing policies through a public process, and provide opportunities for community input. The District is officially in full compliance with [Assembly Bill 481](#), in coordination with the Board of Trustees and the Compton District Police Department. Last week, CalMatters published a story about this requirement, and I wanted to share it with the campus community, since other news outlets have covered it. Click [here](#) to read the **July 8, 2026**, CalMatters article.

Today, I had the opportunity to visit the construction projects at the Physical Education Complex and the Visual and Performing Arts Complex, and I saw tremendous progress. In the coming weeks, we will share more information about the opening dates for both of these facilities.

Also, today I received and accepted the resignation of Sam Agdasi, dean of student learning. As such, this afternoon, the Human Resources Department announced the interim dean of student learning position, and sometime in the fall, we will begin the search for the permanent dean of student learning. I am hopeful we can fill the interim position before the fall 2026 semester begins.

In closing, have a wonderful weekend with family and friends, and the countdown to the beginning of the fall 2026 semester has begun.

Sincerely,

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