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Dr. Keith Curry Named Permanent Chief Executive Officer for Compton Community College District

Compton Community College District (CCCD) Special Trustee Thomas Henry, in consultation with El Camino College Superintendent/President Thomas Fallo, is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Keith Curry as the permanent Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Compton Community College District. Curry began his permanent post on July 1, 2013.

Curry has served as the interim CEO of the Compton Community College District since March 2011. He previously served as the El Camino College Compton Center dean of student services beginning in 2006. Under his leadership, positive outcomes during the past two years include increased student enrollment and transfers; new full-time faculty members hired; new state-funded construction projects in progress; newly adopted trustee areas under a legally required redistricting process; and a balanced budget with a reserve. In addition, many existing student support programs at ECC Compton Center have expanded and others were created.

A Compton native, Curry's life work has centered on the city. His service to the community has included volunteering as chair of the Compton Unified School District Achieving College Partnership and serving on the Compton Unified School District Foundation board.

Under Curry's leadership, and with the number one priority of providing the necessary support for achieving student success, the CCCD set specific goals for 2012-2013 and has made notable progress with each of the following goals during the academic year:

1. Continue to support the partnership with the El Camino Community College District.
2. Support El Camino College accreditation efforts.
3. Communicate with students, employees and the community.
4. Fiscal Stability for the Compton Community College District.
5. Address facilities needs.

For a list of achievements the District has made related to each of these goals, go to the *Message from the CEO* on the CCCD website at www.district.compton.edu.

"I am extremely pleased to have been selected as the CEO for the Compton Community College District," said Curry. "I look forward to continuing to build on the successes we have established at the District and the ECC Compton Center in the coming years."

As part of ongoing community outreach efforts, Curry continues to encourage community members to be more involved in District affairs. Through a series of “CEO Roundtable Discussions” he is working to build a better understanding of the partnership with El Camino College and its success. To date, Curry has held CEO Roundtable Discussions in Carson, Compton, Lynwood, Paramount and Rancho Dominguez. His presentations are open to all community members served by the CCCD. The roundtables address a number of important topics including the process to accreditation, newly adopted trustee area boundaries, the facilities master plan, and fiscal stability for the District.

Prior to joining the CCCD, Curry worked at the University of California, Irvine (UCI) as director of the Early Academic Outreach Program. While at UCI, he was instrumental in re-establishing a partnership between local school districts, including Compton Unified School District (CUSD) and UCI. He earned his doctorate in education from the University of California at Irvine, and a bachelor’s degree in American studies from the University of California at Santa Cruz.

Curry was recently selected to serve as a member of the Advisory Committee for Education Services for the Community College League of California. The Chancellor of California Community Colleges also appointed him to four Oversight Boards to local city Successor Agencies and Redevelopment Agencies; he serves as vice chair on two of them.

About the Compton Community College District

Board meetings are usually held the third Tuesday of each month and are open to the public. The District is located at 1111 E. Artesia Boulevard, Compton, CA 90221.

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