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Compton Community College District Partners with Local School Districts to Plan and Implement State-Funded Regional Adult Education Program

The Compton Community College District (CCCD) has agreed to partner with three K-12 school districts to begin developing a regional plan for adult education as part of the eligibility requirements to receive state grant funding.

The CCCD and El Camino College Compton Center will join the Southwest Los Angeles Adult Education Consortium along with the Compton, Lynwood, and Paramount unified school districts for the purpose of regional planning that will lead to the enhancement of adult education opportunities for communities served by the CCCD.

The Southwest Los Angeles Adult Education Consortium has a rich history of offering outstanding adult education for local residents. They previously served as many as 31,100 students annually before the state's budget crisis. This newly formed consortium will now be eligible to participate in a statewide effort to rebuild regional adult education.

As part of Assembly Bill 86 (AB 86), the 2013-2014 state budget provided \$25 million to the California Community College Chancellor's Office, in partnership with the California Department of Education, for two-year planning and implementation grants that will be awarded to eligible consortia, like the Southwest Los Angeles Adult Education Consortium.

The intent of AB 86 is to expand and improve adult education through regional consortia, supported by incremental investments beginning with the 2015-16 fiscal year. To be eligible for the state grant, the regional consortium must first create, and then implement, a plan that will include:

- Elementary and secondary basic skills, including classes required for a high school diploma or high school equivalency certificate.
- Classes/courses for immigrants eligible for education services in citizenship, English as a Second Language (ESL), and workforce basic skills classes.
- Education programs for adults with disabilities.

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- Short-term career technical education programs with high employment potential.
- Programs for apprentices.

The Board of Governors approved all of the completed regional consortium grant applications on March 3, 2014, including the one for the Southwest Los Angeles Adult Education Consortium. The Southwest Los Angeles consortium will receive half of the funding when planning begins, followed by installments upon receipt of scheduled quarterly reporting. The Southwest Los Angeles Adult Education Consortium is currently working on its Regional Comprehensive Plan, which must be completed by July 31, 2014.

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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