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## President/CEO Message - May 18, 2026

Campus Community,

It's Monday, and we are getting closer and closer to the end of the Spring 2026 semester. This semester has certainly been interesting, and as we all know, we should expect the unexpected—for example, the Canvas issue earlier this month. I don't think anyone, myself included, anticipated that happening. Regardless, we continue to push through the semester in support of our students and their completion.

I am excited about the work completed this year on the [Compton College 2035 Institutional Set Goals](#) and the development of the Compton College 2026–2028 Goals. Compton College has developed its 2026–2028 Goals, which will guide the college's priorities and resource allocation for the next two academic years. Developed collaboratively by faculty, staff, and administrators through the Core Planning Team and Consultative Council, these goals are aligned with the [Compton College 2035 Comprehensive Master Plan](#) and the California Community Colleges Vision 2030 framework. [Tonight's Board agenda includes a presentation on the new goals.](#)

Today's President/CEO Message includes a recruitment update on letters mailed to nearly 3,300 graduating seniors about guaranteed admission, the Oliver W. Conner College Promise, and the First Year Experience program; details about this evening's Board of Trustees meeting; and an update on Governor Newsom's 2026–27 May Revise and what it means for California Community Colleges.

### **May 14, 2026 Compton College Enrollment Update**

- Summer 2026: 379 FTES generated; 3,094 seats filled (49%)
- Fall 2026: 330 FTES generated, 2,103 seats filled (12%)

Nearly 3,300 graduating seniors in our District received a letter from Compton College this week, inviting them to start their college journey with guaranteed admission, two years of enrollment fees covered through the Oliver W. Conner College Promise, and structured support through our First Year Experience program. This was a targeted recruitment effort designed to reduce cost concerns, simplify the enrollment process, and connect students to support before they ever step on campus. [Click here to read the letter.](#)

### **Compton College Campuswide Forum**

I am hosting a virtual Campuswide Forum *tomorrow, May 19, 2026, at 2:30 p.m. via Zoom*. This is an opportunity to ask questions, stay informed, and engage with topics that shape student success. Discussion topics include the Student-Centered Funding Formula, the Five-Year Fiscal Management Plan, Accreditation, Commencement, the 2026–2027 Compton CCD Budget, Return on Investment and Economic Mobility, AI, and the Compton College 2035 Comprehensive Master Plan. To participate, please register in advance using this link: [Compton College Campuswide Forum Online Registration](#).

### **Compton Community College District Board of Trustees Meeting**

*Today, May 18, 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>.

## 2026–2027 Governor's May Revision Budget Proposal

The [Governor's May Revision to the 2026–27 State Budget](#) reflects slightly improved revenue projections and a continued cautious fiscal approach that prioritizes reserves and long-term stability. As outlined by Chancellor Sonya Christian, the revised budget reduces the Proposition 98 settle-up obligation and increases deposits to state reserves, with the Rainy-Day Fund projected to reach approximately \$10.3 billion by 2026–27. [Click here to read Chancellor Christian's statement on Governor Newsom's 2026–27 May Revise.](#)

Below are some key changes in the May Revision compared to the January Proposal:

- Under the May Revision, the overall state budget would be slightly higher than proposed in January and higher than the 2025-26 enacted budget, increasing by about 8.8% to \$349.4 billion. General Fund spending would increase by about \$18 billion (8%) over the current year to \$246.6 billion.
- The revised proposal for ongoing spending includes about \$438 million for a 4.31% cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) for community college apportionments, some of it for a discretionary COLA above the statutorily authorized COLA of 2.87%. This is about \$198 million more than the Governor's January proposal, which included a 2.41% COLA. As a condition for receiving the discretionary portion of the COLA, districts must implement the provisions of Assembly Bill 65 and provide employees with up to 14 weeks of paid pregnancy disability leave.
- It includes \$36.7 million for COLAs and adjustments to certain categorical programs. The proposal continues to include funding for systemwide enrollment growth of 1.5% over two years, as previously proposed.
- The revised proposal maintains the one-time spending proposals included in the January budget and adds one-time funds to continue and scale an adult learner demonstration project.
- The revised proposal continues to include \$736.9 million in capital outlay funding from Proposition 2 to support the working drawings and construction phases for 29 continuing projects and the preliminary plans and working drawings of 10 new projects.

While these developments are encouraging, key issues remain unresolved, including the need for continued advocacy for enrollment growth funding amid economic uncertainty and potential federal funding disruptions.

For full details, please refer to the official [2026–2027 Joint Analysis of the Governor's May Revision](#), prepared by the Chancellor's Office in partnership with the Association of California Community College Administrators (ACCCA), the Association of Chief Business Officials (ACBO), and the Community College League of California. For additional budget updates and resources, visit the [CCCCO's Budget News Page](#).

In the coming week, I will be working on a letter to our statewide elected officials regarding the May Revision and our support for the Governor's May Revision Budget Proposal. Additionally, we will review the Governor's May Revision Proposal and make any necessary updates to the 2026–2027 Compton Community College District Tentative Budget before submitting it to the Board of Trustees at the **June 15, 2026**, meeting.

### Final Thoughts

In prior years, Compton College implemented a Zoom-Free Day, a designated workday without meetings, to provide employees with uninterrupted time to focus on individual tasks and responsibilities. However, moving forward, we will not be recommending a Zoom-Free Day. So, instead, I encourage everyone to be

mindful of the number of meetings scheduled, both in person and on Zoom, and to ensure they have adequate time to fulfill their responsibilities.

And, if you are wondering why today's message is arriving on ***Monday instead of Friday***, you can blame me, as the Board agenda went live last Friday evening. Working inside an airport for me now is easier said than done. Finally, there were other pressing matters that I had to focus on last Friday evening, including student housing, the 2026-2027 Compton CCD Tentative Budget, and Information Technology Services, including the Canvas issue.

Please have a wonderful week, and I will be back on track this week with a [President/CEO Message](#) on ***Friday, May 22, 2026***.

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