



**Office of the Vice President
College and Administrative Services**

To: MJC Constituents

From: Albert Alt, Ed.D., Vice President of College Administrative Services

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RE: Statewide Budget Update

On Thursday, January 7, 2016, Governor Jerry Brown released his initial budget proposal for the 2016-2017 fiscal year. This is our first signal of the health of the State budget for the coming fiscal year and there will be several rounds of deliberation before the budget is ultimately finalized. There will assuredly be changes but the indications in the Governor's proposed budget are positive. The proposed budget contains increased funding to K-14 education. Unfortunately not to the extent we experienced in 2015-2016, but increases none the less!

A few of the key budget priorities for the Community Colleges outlined in the Governor's proposed budget include: Access (growth); COLA; Workforce; Basic Skills; and Maintenance and Instructional.

Access: (formerly known as "growth") shows an increase of approximately 2% over current FTES levels.

COLA: proposed at 0.47%. This may change during the course of deliberations as the Legislative Analyst's Office suggested 1.99%. As with last year, COLA is proposed for the General Fund and several key categorical funds including EOPS, DSPS and CalWORKS.

Workforce: \$200 million is added to this budget statewide.

Basic Skills: \$30 million increase proposed to support researched based practices in this area.

Maintenance and Instructional Equipment: \$289 million is proposed for this section of the community college budget representing a significant increase over 2015-16. To provide some context, the last two fiscal years provided \$148 million. Of this amount, YCCD received approximately 2.1 million.



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One-time funding is once again provided for mandated reimbursements, although not to the extent it was funded in 2015-16. \$76 million is proposed and will be provided on a per-FTES basis.

So what does this all mean for MJC? Of course, these are very high level numbers, coming from a preliminary proposal. As we all know, once the State budget is finalized, the allocation through the District's Budget Allocation Model must also occur. Overall, MJC may experience enhancements to key budget areas such as our categorical areas, and enhanced instructional material funding.

Next steps? On January 20, 2016, I will attend the Statewide Budget Workshop. From the workshop, I will post any additional/new information to the RAC website. As additional analysis emerges, I will keep the campus community updated. Please remember however; this is the first salvo of budget information. It will continue to morph through the May Revision and ultimately through final passage, anticipated in June or July.

More information: Should you find yourself having trouble sleeping or if you happen to be a studied budget wonk, detailed information can be found on the State of California ebudget website: <http://www.ebudget.ca.gov/>.

Happy reading and Happy New Year!