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The California Community Colleges Student Success Task Force Reform Plan to be Presented to State Legislature Wednesday

❖ Who/What: California Community Colleges Chancellor <u>Jack Scott</u> will be at the state Capitol for the Senate Education and Assembly Higher Education committees' joint hearing to review the Student Success Task Force reform recommendations package. The Education Budget Subcommittees from both houses have also been invited to participate. No action will be taken by the committees but the hearing is a requirement of Senate Bill 1143 (Liu) that says the recommendations must be presented to the Legislature no later than March 2012.

When/ Wednesday, Feb. 1, 2012 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Where: State Capitol

1400 10th Street, *Room 4202*

Sacramento, CA

- ❖ Why: After the Board of Governors unanimously endorsed the Student Success Task Force reform plan at its January 2012 meeting, the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office, is moving toward a phased-in, coordinated implementation of the recommendations that will include consultation with a wide range of stakeholders. Working groups are being identified and will develop strategies for the most effective implementation of the recommendations. Due to legislative deadlines, legislation will be introduced by Feb. 24. The legislation that will be introduced will be a starting point for discussions about policy implementation details and phase-in schedules. Some of the recommendations will be implemented through regulatory changes enacted by the Board of Governors.
- More: Please contact Paige Marlatt Dorr at 916.601.8005 to schedule a one-on-one interview with Chancellor Scott or Student Success Task Force members to discuss the reform package, process and next steps.

The <u>California Community Colleges</u> is the largest system of higher education in the nation. It is composed of 72 districts and 112 colleges serving 2.6 million students per year. Community colleges supply workforce training, basic skills courses in English and math, and prepare students for transfer to four-year colleges and universities. The Chancellor's Office provides leadership, advocacy and support under the direction of the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges.