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## California Community Colleges Chancellor Jack Scott to visit Cabrillo High School Long Beach College Promise report shows improvement, aligns well with Student Success Task Force recommendations that focus on better cohesion with K-12 schools

Who/ California Community Colleges Chancellor <u>Jack Scott</u> will visit <u>Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo High School</u> in What: Long Beach to highlight a local collaboration that is resulting in more high school students pursuing post-secondary education and improved college readiness. The Long Beach College Promise, a partnership among K-12 schools, Long Beach City College and California State University, Long Beach, offers a model for implementation of a key recommendations made by the California Community Colleges Student Success Task Force – better collaboration between K-12 schools and community colleges in jointly developing common standards for college and career readiness. Scott will be joined by Long Beach City College Superintendent-President <u>Eloy Ortiz Oakley</u>, California State University, Long Beach President <u>Dr. F. King Alexander</u> and Long Beach Unified School District Superintendent <u>Christopher J. Steinhauser</u>. The Long Beach area education chiefs will present a progress report on the College Promise, award scholarships to 27 eighth-graders.

❖ When/ Wednesday, March 21, 2012 at 1 p.m.

Where: Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo High School

2001 Santa Fe Ave. Long Beach, CA. 90810

Auditorium

Media planning to attend are asked to RSVP to Paige Marlatt Dorr at pdorr@cccco.edu

- ❖ Why: Fall 2011 enrollment at Long Beach City College increased despite state funding cuts. The College Promise progress report shows that Long Beach Unified School District graduates have higher persistence rates at Long Beach City College than graduates from outside the K-12 district. This shows that the Long Beach College Promise is a prime example of what the California Community Colleges Student Success Task Force recommended should occur statewide that the community college system closely collaborate with its K-12 partners. Doing so will reduce the number of students needing remediation, help ensure that students who graduate from high school are ready for college-level work and encourage more students achieve those standards by defining college and career expectations.
- ❖ More: One-on-one interviews with Chancellor Scott can be scheduled. Please contact Paige Marlatt Dorr to make an interview request.