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California Community Colleges Leaders to Hold Editorial Briefing with Student Newspapers to Discuss Impact of State Budget Cuts, Historic Drop in Enrollment and Implications of Passage or Failure of Prop. 30

- ❖ **Who:** California Community Colleges Acting Chancellor [Erik Skinner](#)
California Community Colleges Vice Chancellor for College Finance & Facilities Planning [Dan Troy](#)
Student Senate for California Community Colleges President [Rich Copenhagen](#)
- ❖ **What:** The leaders will conduct a media teleconference for California community college student newspaper editors, reporters and faculty advisors to discuss the state of the community colleges system as the 2012-13 academic year begins. Results of an informal community colleges statewide fall budget survey assessing the impacts of recent funding reductions will be reviewed. The leaders will also talk about the November 2012 state election and how the passage or failure of the Prop. 30 and Prop. 38 ballot initiatives will impact the colleges.
- ❖ **When/** **Where:** **Wednesday, September 26, 2012 at 3 p.m.**
Toll-free Phone: **866.454.4209**
Password: 3670425
Call Title: *California Community Colleges Student Newspaper Editorial Call*
Reporters/advisors are asked to RSVP to communications@cccco.edu
Participating reporters/advisors should call in by 2:45 p.m.
- ❖ **Why:** Enrollment continues to decline at California community colleges because of budget cuts. Students who got into community colleges this fall faced fewer classes, fewer instructors, higher fees and larger class sizes. The community college system has been cut by \$809 million, or 12 percent, over the past three years and it faces a possible mid-year budget cut of \$338 million in January depending on the outcome of the November 2012 state election. California Community Colleges Acting Chancellor Erik Skinner will discuss the steps colleges are taking to cope with funding reductions at a time of increased demand for a community college education. Skinner will also review the system's new statewide enrollment numbers for the 2011-12 academic year and talk about how the California Community Colleges is shrinking as directly related to state funding levels.

The [California Community Colleges](#) is the largest system of higher education in the nation. It is composed of 72 districts and 112 colleges serving 2.4 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.