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California Community Colleges Chancellor Jack Scott to Host Media Conference Call Tuesday to Discuss the State of the System and the Impact of Trigger Cuts

- ❖ **Who/What:** California Community Colleges Chancellor [Jack Scott](#) will participate in a media briefing teleconference to discuss the state of the system. Topics include the impact of mid-year budget cuts, major system reforms being recommended by the California Community Colleges Student Success Task Force, and the progress of the Student Transfer Achievement Reform Act.
- ❖ **When/Where:** **Tuesday, December 13, 2011 at 10 a.m.**
Teleconference line: **(800) 723-6575**
Conference title: California Community Colleges Media Briefing
Passcode: **3818647**
Please RSVP in advance to Communications@cccco.edu in order to ensure enough phone lines are reserved. *Credentialed media only*
- ❖ **Why:** Community college students this fall dealt with a 38 percent fee increase from \$26 to \$36 per unit. If a likely Tier 2 trigger cut goes into effect when the state announces its budget shortfall projections sometime this week, another \$102 million will be cut from the 112-campus community college system. Also, an additional \$10 per unit fee increase will be ordered by the Legislature to go into effect beginning in the summer 2012. If this happens, it will be a 77 percent increase for students in per unit community college fees in less than a year.

Chancellor Scott will address the impact of the cuts and fee increases and the steps that have been taken to help alleviate future budget cuts that come at a time when the state needs an educated workforce to help power its economic recovery. He also will update the media on the progress of the California Community Colleges Student Success Task Force recommended reforms as the final report will be issued to the Legislature in early 2012.

Other topics on the media call include the Student Transfer Achievement Reform Act that will simplify the transfer process between the California Community Colleges and California State University systems. The initiative will increase efficiency and is expected to generate \$160 million annually in cost savings that will be used to provide access to approximately 54,000 more students each year.

California's economy is highly dependent upon an educated workforce and it's the taxpayer who is short changed when colleges and universities turn away students. If just 2 percent more of California's population earned an associate degree and 1 percent more earned a bachelor's degree, the state's economy would grow by \$20 billion. Those educated workers would generate state and local taxes of \$1.2 billion a year and 174,000 new jobs would be created in California.

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- ❖ **More:** A press release will be sent out immediately following the briefing. In the event you are not available to join the teleconference, please contact Paige Marlatt Dorr and request the information to hear a replay of the discussion (the replay will be available approximately one hour after the call).

The [California Community Colleges](#) is the largest system of higher education in the nation. It is composed of 72 districts and 112 colleges serving 2.6 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.

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