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California Community Colleges Chancellor Brice W. Harris' Statement on Gov. Jerry Brown's 2016-2017 Budget Proposal

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – California Community Colleges Chancellor <u>Brice W. Harris</u> issued the following statement on Gov. Jerry Brown's 2016-17 budget proposal, which was released today:

"Gov. Jerry Brown's budget proposal for community colleges shows a continued commitment to public higher education in California," said Harris. "It proposes additional funding to increase access to college for nearly 50,000 more students. The governor's plan also includes a commitment to improve and expand our efforts to build a stronger workforce to meet the demands of our state's economy, improve remedial education and help close achievement gaps. This proposal wisely builds on the foundation that we have laid with our Student Success Initiative, which seeks to help more students enter our colleges and achieve their educational goals."

The California Community Colleges is the largest system of higher education in the nation composed of 72 districts and 113 colleges serving 2.1 million students per year. Community colleges supply workforce training, basic skills education and prepare students for transfer to four-year institutions. The Chancellor's Office provides leadership, advocacy and support under the direction of the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges. For more information about the community colleges, please visit https://californiacommunitycolleges.cccco.edu/, https://www.facebook.com/CACommColleges, or https://twitter.com/CalCommColleges.

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