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California Community Colleges Chancellor Eloy Ortiz Oakley Issues Statement on Gov. Gavin Newsom’s 2019-20 Budget Proposal

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — California Community Colleges Chancellor [Eloy Ortiz Oakley](#) issued the following statement on Gov. Gavin Newsom’s 2019-20 budget proposal:

“Extending the College Promise will give more Californians the opportunity to gain the skills and credentials needed to succeed in today’s economy. The College Promise incentivizes colleges to align with K-12 and university partners while adopting student success reforms and complements California’s historic commitment to free tuition for low-income community college students by supporting colleges in providing free tuition to all full-time, first-time students. We will work with the governor and Legislature to expand this opportunity to put students first and continue to expand need-based financial aid to cover the total cost of attendance. We are heartened by the governor’s proposals to significantly expand aid for students who are raising children and expand competitive Cal Grants. These investments will give more students ability to achieve their educational goals and build better lives.”

The California Community Colleges is the largest system of higher education in the nation, composed of 73 districts and 115 colleges serving 2.1 million students per year. California community colleges provide career education and workforce training; guaranteed transfer to four-year universities; degree and certificate pathways; and basic skills education in English and math. As the state’s engine for social and economic mobility, the California Community Colleges supports the [Vision for Success](#), a strategic plan designed to improve student success outcomes, increase transfer rates and eliminate achievement gaps. For more information, please visit the [California Community Colleges website](#) or follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

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