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California Community Colleges Chancellor Eloy Ortiz Oakley Issues Statement in Support of Plan Reached by State Budget Committee

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — California Community Colleges Chancellor [Eloy Ortiz Oakley](#) released the following statement in support of the 2019-20 state budget compromise worked out by chief negotiators from the Assembly and Senate:

"The plan would take a first step toward broadly increasing need-based financial aid for community college students by funding additional competitive Cal Grants and advance efforts to deal with hunger and homelessness so prevalent among our students. It calls for additional support for student veterans by assisting in the expansion of campus-based resource centers. The proposal would solidify a new college funding formula approved last year that incentivizes enrollment and success of low-income students. My office, in consultation with our colleges, the governor's office and the Legislature, developed changes to the formula that would better measure the student outcomes that will help us achieve the [Vision for Success](#) and create financial stability for our colleges."

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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