

SAN JOSÉ/EVERGREEN COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

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FACT SHEET

- California is facing \$11-billion shortfall; many of the spending cuts are aimed at k-12 education
- More than \$2 billion of prospective cuts aimed at California's public elementary, middle, and high schools, on top of the \$3 billion from k-12 in the current budget
- The State budget is proposing to cut \$330 million from community colleges—that could force the community colleges to turn away 260,000 students
- The State budget is proposing \$66 million cut from the California State University system and \$66 million from the University of California
- An estimated 2.2 million students attend the state's 110 community colleges
- The California Community Colleges (CCC) are the key to the State's economic recovery. As the largest provider of workforce training in California, the CCC's offer more than 175 degree and certificate programs.
- Statewide unemployment rate is at 7.7 percent and rising, therefore, we must ensure that displaced workers have access to such courses to expedite their return to the workforce.
- Cuts on top of cuts mean fewer teachers in the classroom, fewer classes, more students per instructors
- Ripple effect from kindergarten-college means students will face decreases in college enrollment
- Preparing our children for a college education is essential for the State's economic stability and competitiveness
- Mid-year budget cuts for high school students mean students face reductions in support services that they rely on to prepare them for college such as counseling, career centers, and tutors as well as after school programs
- Reduction in admission slots to CSU system means not all eligible high school graduates will be able to attend universities for the first time
- Cuts to community colleges mean reductions in access to classes will occur just when the universities are also sending university-eligible students to these colleges who have no access to the universities
- Mid-year cuts to community colleges are 10%, which will result in layoffs, and the loss of jobs for many employees who live in Santa Clara County and whose families are already impacted

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- While enrollment in community colleges is on the rise, it could easily mean more drop outs if the cost per unit goes up from \$20./unit to \$26. in January. We envision several thousand students will drop out since many of our students live in families already struggling due to the economy.
- Economic outlook in Santa Clara County is to develop new industries that all require college education and job training beyond high school
- 70-percent of California's nurses received their education at a California Community College. 80-percent of firefighters, law enforcement officers, and emergency medical technicians are trained at a community college
- SOLUTION = Increase in sales tax for three years and a Vehicle License Fee to allow us to save classes and also jobs for many of our teachers and employees who live in our county.