

For the Students of California's Community Colleges, the May Revision proposes \$825 million in cuts and \$115 million in funding deferrals. We ask you to reject this.

Current Year (2008-09):

- Defer an additional \$115 in apportionment payments from FY 2008-09 to FY 2009-10.
- \$85 million in across-the-board cuts to categorical programs
- Flexibility for districts to spend categorical funds to meet local needs.
- A \$42.1 million local property tax shortfall with no backfill.

Budget Year (2009-10):

- \$344.3 million in across-the-board cuts to categorical programs (58.8% cut).
- Flexibility, noted above.
- Eliminate 2% enrollment growth, cut of \$116.8 million (leaves 1% growth funding)
- \$120 million cut to lower the funding rate for P.E. courses.
- \$116.7 million local property tax shortfall with no backfill.

Impacts

250,000 students disappear from Community College. The proposed cuts in base funding would force the community colleges to reduce the number of course sections they offer to ridiculous levels. This would be equivalent to shutting down the entire UC system, plus an additional 30,000 students.

California's long-term economic competitiveness is already threatened by a shortage of skilled workers.

Deep cuts would dismantle student support and instructional programs. The proposed 58.8% across-the-board cuts would severely undermine student access and success, the hallmarks of California's education system.

- Cuts to Disabled Students and Extended Opportunity programs result in higher rates of drop-out and academic failure.
- Cutting academic counseling, tutoring, and assessment will make it significantly difficult for students to successfully complete educational programs in a timely manner.
- Cutting CTE and nursing will deny California the skilled workers it needs to compete economically.

California's 2.8 million Community College Students ask you to reject these draconian cuts!