



MESSAGE FROM CEO

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By now you are all aware that Special Trustee Henry, in consultation with Superintendent/President Fallo, announced the appointment of the permanent CEO for the Compton Community College District (CCCD). I am very pleased to have been selected for this position. I have enjoyed working with each of you throughout my tenure at the CCCD, and I look forward to continuing to build on the success we have established at the District and the ECC Compton Center in the coming years. Thank you all for your support and words of encouragement – and for your contributions to the success of the Compton Community College District and the ECC Compton Center - where every student is a success story!

As always, my Open Door is on Tuesdays from 2-4 p.m., unless otherwise noted. Please feel free to meet with me if you have any questions, concerns or stories of success to share.

Dr. Barbara Beno at CCCD

Dr. Barbara Beno, President of the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, recently visited the CCCD. Dr. Beno toured the facilities and met with students in the First Year Experience program. Thank you to the FYE students who shared their stories of success at the ECC Compton Center with Dr. Beno.

In keeping with the goal of enhancing and expanding community engagement, I have continued to meet and talk with groups and organizations throughout the Compton Community College District. At the beginning of the 2013 calendar year, the community presentation was updated to reflect accomplishments and new or revised goals for the District. In February, I presented this updated information to the Compton City Council. The following outlines the CCCD goals for the 2012-2013 academic year and the achievements the District has made related to each of the goals.

1. Continue to Support the Partnership with the El Camino Community College District

The CCCD is committed to working collaboratively with the Special Trustee for the Compton Community College District, the leadership at El Camino College, and the vice president of El Camino College Compton Center in order to continue providing the programs and services needed for student success. The Partnership Agreement is one component of the overall goal of student success. A proposed updated agreement was presented to the Special Trustee and the El Camino College Board of Trustees for a first reading in February 2013.

2. Support El Camino College Accreditation Efforts

2014 El Camino College Self Evaluation Report

The Compton District must actively participate and support the 2014 El Camino College Self Evaluation Report and the El Camino College Compton Center Accreditation Eligibility Application. Subcommittees, which include co-chairs from both El Camino College and Compton Center, have been established for each of the standards.

ECC Compton Center Accreditation Eligibility Application

The Accreditation Steering Committee (ASC) co-chairs (CCCD Interim CEO, ECC CEC VP and CEC

Faculty Council Chair) have recommended and the decision has been made, to postpone submitting the eligibility application by one year. This will provide the opportunity for those areas in the 21 eligibility criteria not yet meeting the standards, more time to prepare.

Currently, of the 21 Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) Eligibility Criteria: 16 criteria have been met; one criterion will be met when the Eligibility Application is filed; one criterion is partially met; and the Financial Resources, Financial Accountability, and Institutional Planning and Evaluation criteria have not yet been met.

Although much progress has been made in many of the 21 eligibility criteria, the Compton Center program reviews and SLOs are not yet at a sustainable level. The Compton District financial audit for the year ending June 2012 showed improvements in several critical areas. However, there are remaining key fiscal items that must be addressed prior to applying for accreditation eligibility.

Once the Eligibility Application is completed, it will be submitted to the ACCJC by El Camino College.

3. Communication with Students, Employees and the Community

One of the District's missions continues to be ensuring that everyone – internally as well as our external communities – is regularly informed of our progress made and where we still need to improve. Last fall, my CEO Roundtable discussions covered an overall update on the Compton Community College District. This spring, the CEO Roundtable presentation is dedicated to an update on progress made by the District toward accreditation eligibility.

The Special Trustee Advisory Committee has established goals for their role in informing and advocating on behalf of the District in the various communities they represent. The committee meets six times per year. View information on this committee [here](#). The Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee has also been re-established and has been meeting on a regular basis. Go to district.compton.edu/measure_cc_bond for updates and information about this committee.

As part of the CCCD redistricting process completed in 2012, the Special Trustee adopted new trustee area boundaries for the District. This adoption followed a thorough process and recommendation by a community-based committee. Reviewing and revising the trustee area boundaries is part of a legally required redistricting process that occurs every ten years in conjunction with the national census project. All five CCCD Board of Trustee seats will be up for election in November 2013.

The Sixth Progress Report from the Fiscal Crisis Management and Assistance Team (FCMAT) was released in November 2012; the full report is available on the District website: <http://www.district.compton.edu/fcmat.asp>. AB 318 requires FCMAT to provide regular reports on five operational areas of the District and its progress toward recovery. Following the last FCMAT visit, Human Resources was deemed to be meeting the FCMAT requirements, so that department will no longer be part of future FCMAT reviews. While the activities undertaken as part of the FCMAT review will be useful to the institution, the ACCJC has a distinct and separate process from FCMAT relative to accreditation. The next FCMAT visit is scheduled for April 15-26, 2013.

4. Fiscal Stability for the Compton Community College District

The Planning and Budget Committee reviewed the [five year Budget Assumptions](#) to help direct the budget priorities for 2012-13. The five-year budget revisions include the 50 Percent Law projections and long-term obligations including: general obligation bonds, notes payable (line of credit), compensation absences, early retirement incentive, claims liability and Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB).

The District is in process of developing a plan to fund the OPEB liability; has committed to limiting the usage of the CCCD line of credit; and is working diligently to resolve the remaining 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 District Fiscal Audit findings.

5. Address Facilities Needs

The District recently held two groundbreaking events—for phase one and two of the infrastructure upgrade project. Additionally, the upgraded MIS/Data Server Building recently opened. Remodeling of the Allied Health Building is set to begin in this year; and a timeline has been established for the completion of the Learning Resource Center (LRC), with a goal of opening in spring 2014. Projects currently under way and included in the Facilities Master Plan are listed below.

Overview of Measure CC Bond Projects:

Learning Resource Center (LRC): Glazed barrel vault corrections were completed in March 2012; HVAC modifications and reprogramming of interior upgrades. Estimated completion in spring 2014.

Division of State Architect (DSA) Certification: As part of the LRC project, existing buildings require DSA Certification. Estimated completion in fall 2014.

Overview of State Capitol Outlay and Measure CC Bond Projects:

Infrastructure Replacement Phase 1: Replacement of infrastructure at the south half of Compton Center; includes road and parking lot improvements, and construction of a new Central Plant. Estimated completion in October 2013. Measure CC/State Funds: \$33 million

Infrastructure Replacement Phase 2: Replace/upgrade the utility infrastructure; install new data communications and security electrical backbone. Estimated completion in October 2013. Measure CC/State Funds: \$13.5 million

Allied Health Building Renovation: Reprogramming of the existing building; complete renovation of enclosure, structural, mechanical, electrical, security and equipment. Estimated completion in July 2014. Measure CC/State Funds: \$11 million (estimated)