



MESSAGE FROM INTERIM CEO

I want to thank each of you who have offered your words of congratulations and best wishes on my interim appointment. I am proud to be serving with you in this capacity as we all work toward our common goal of establishing an accredited institution for the Compton Community College District.

When I was introduced to you as the Interim CEO by Special Trustee Genethia Hudley-Hayes, I shared the charge that I am undertaking in this position to continue providing the necessary support for achieving student success.

Goals for the Compton Community College District

1. Complete the 2011-2012 Compton Community College District Budget Development Process

The state-proposed budget cut to community colleges is \$400 million for 2011-12. The impact to the Compton District budget is anywhere from \$2.3 million to \$6.4 million for 2011-12.

Our Planning and Budget Committee has developed Guiding Principles to help direct the budget priorities for 2011-12. We want the budget cuts to have the least possible impact on students.

As a result of the state budget cuts, El Camino College Compton Center will be forced to offer fewer sections, which will make it more difficult for students to get the classes they need to graduate or complete a certificate program.

We will work with our partner, El Camino College, to determine what the Compton Center needs from the Compton District in order to provide the academic programs and student services our students need to succeed.

2. Address Facilities Needs

We are working with our partner through Vice President Barbara Perez to develop an Educational Master Plan, which we will then link to the Facilities Master Plan and the Five-Year Construction Plan for the Compton District.

We will continue to provide timely information to employees, students and our communities regarding timelines and progress updates about our facilities projects on a regular basis.

3. Continue to Support the Partnership!

It is important for everyone – internally as well as our external communities - to understand that I am the Interim CEO of a community college district that has no college. However everyone's goal – the Special Trustee, El Camino College, and mine - continues to be for the Compton Community College District to one day have a college again.

As CEO, I will work with the Special Trustee to implement the vision and goals she has set forth for the District. I will also work with the leadership at El Camino College, including all of the vice presidents, but especially in collaboration with the ECC VP Compton Center to support El Camino College's mission of providing programs and services needed for students to succeed.

Our primary goal is to provide excellence in academic programs and services to encourage and support student success – which will ultimately lead to accreditation once we are fully prepared.

4. Work with the Community

I will be in all of the communities we serve, building, maintaining, and re-establishing connections with them. I will be meeting with local, state and federal elected officials, business organizations, church groups, and community leaders throughout the District.

In addition to the meetings and visits we will provide timely updates about the partnership through newsletters, emails and publications. We will also provide timely updates on the Accreditation Process via a web page – which is already up and running - as well as with newsletters and email communications.

I understand there are some in our communities who misinterpret the partnership and the accreditation process --- the Special Trustee and I will make it a priority to inform and educate our communities about both of these important topics.

The bottom line is all about student success – we are here to ensure that the residents of our communities have access to a quality higher education – that is our mission and our goal today, tomorrow and into the future. We are all about serving students.