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Initial Impressions from The Governors 2015 May Revision

Today, May 14, 2015, Governor Jerry Brown released the [May Revision](#) to his proposals for the 2015-16 State Budget. The May Revision is the final statutory opportunity for Governor Brown to recast his proposals in light of the latest economic data. According to the Administration, the current year Proposition 98 guarantee increased by \$3.1 billion, to \$66.3 billion, and the budget year guarantee increases \$2.7 billion, to \$68.4 billion. Both of these upward revisions provide the Administration opportunities to increase one-time and ongoing funds for K-14 education.

The following points related primarily to the California Community College budget were adjusted at the May Revision. Specifically, the Governor proposes:

- 3% enrollment access/growth (an increase of \$49.7 million)
- \$266.7 million for base allocation increases (an increase of \$141.7 million)
- \$626 million to pay down prior mandate obligations on a per-full-time equivalent students basis (an increase of \$274.7 million)
- \$148 million to reduce the backlog of deferred maintenance or to purchase instructional equipment
- \$75 million to increase the number of full-time faculty within each community college district
- \$60 million for the Basic Skills and Student Outcomes Transformation Program
- \$2.5 million to fund the cost-of-living-adjustment (COLA) for the Extended Opportunity Programs and Services, Disabled Students Programs and Services, California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids, and the Childcare Tax Bailout programs
- \$115 million for Student Equity Plan funding (an increase of \$15 million)

The Governor also reduces the January proposal from a 1.58% COLA to the fixed statutory COLA of 1.02%. We will provide further analysis of each of these issues as a second, and more detailed, look. We expect that further information, details, and implementation clarifications will be fleshed out over the course of today and the next few days.

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