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The summary of the governor's proposed 2014-15 state budget was leaked this evening, and is making the rounds with the media and policy circles. Thus, we wanted to share with you some summary information in a very good proposed budget for community colleges.

The document [is available here](#).

In short, the proposed budget for community colleges would fund:

- a 0.86% cost-of-living adjustment (\$48.5 million)
- 3% enrollment growth/restoration (\$155.2 million), with a direction to the Board of Governors to adopt a growth formula that "gives first priority to districts identified as having the greatest unmet need in adequately serving their community's higher educational needs. All districts will receive some additional growth funding, and over time will be fully restored to pre-recession apportionment levels."
- \$100 million augmentation for continued expansion of the Student Success and Support Program (formerly matriculation)
- \$100 million for "to close achievement gaps in access and achievement in underrepresented student groups, as identified in local Student Equity Plans" and "to better coordinate delivery of existing categorical programs"
- \$87.5 million for scheduled maintenance (one-time funds)
- \$87.5 million for instructional equipment (one-time funds)
- \$592.4 million to eliminate all cash deferrals
- \$1.1 million for additional staffing for the Chancellor's Office for development and monitoring of district success indicators and \$2.5 million for local technical assistance to "support implementation of effective practices across all districts, with a focus on underperforming districts"
- \$50 million for a higher education innovations incentive award program for UC, CSU, and CCC: "These incentive awards will recognize models of innovation in higher education that: (1) significantly increase the number of individuals in the state who earn bachelor's degrees, (2) allow students to earn bachelor's degrees that can be completed within four years of enrollment in higher education, and (3) ease transfer through the state's education system, including by recognizing learning that has occurred across the state's education segments or elsewhere."

We'll be diving more deeply into the details, but for now we are grateful that the proposed budget invests in *student access, success, and equity*--core priorities of the League--and continues the path to rebuilding our colleges following the deep recession cuts.

Thanks,



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