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FACCC RESPONDS TO THE GOVERNOR'S MAY REVISE PROPOSAL

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – The Faculty Association of California Community Colleges (FACCC) has issued the following statement on the release of the Governor's May Revise proposal:

FACCC expresses gratitude that the May Revise largely preserves the funding of the California Community Colleges, considering the substantial budget deficit California is facing. With a projected budget deficit of \$27.6 billion, and a two-year deficit totaling \$56 billion, FACCC recognizes California Community Colleges have been shielded from significant budget cuts in a difficult budget cycle.

Under this proposal, the Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) is projected to rise from 0.76% to 1.07%. FACCC emphasizes the importance of extending the COLA to more categorical programs, which play a crucial role in bridging equity gaps for students.

While we appreciate the Governor's intention to continue funding core components of our colleges, we are concerned that some of the proposed budget cuts will disproportionately impact the most vulnerable individuals in our communities. Reductions to student financial aid, the CalWORKs program, and another delay to the implementation of California Community College CalGrant reform will have significant consequences for students.

FACCC remains committed to working with the Legislature and Administration to reach a budget agreement that balances fiscal responsibility with the needs of California community college students."

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