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The Honorable Arnold Schwarzenegger  
Governor of California  
State Capitol Building  
Sacramento, California 95814

RE: California Community Colleges Compliance with the "Fifty Percent Law"

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger:

As required by Education Code Section 84362(i), this letter reports on the status of Community Colleges compliance with the provisions of Education Code Section 84362 (better known as the "Fifty Percent Law") for fiscal years 2006-07 and 2007-08.

For the 2006-07 fiscal year, three districts reported not to be in compliance with this requirement. The first district (Compton CCD) is exempt from compliance for the period covering 2003-04 to 2008-09 per Education Code Section 74295(c). The other two districts (Lassen CCD and Copper Mountain CCD) submitted an exemption request to the Board of Governors (BOG) on the basis of unanticipated, unbudgeted, and necessary expenditures as allowed in the law; only the Lassen CCD exemption request was approved by the BOG.

Since the Copper Mountain CCD exemption request was denied, our office requested the San Bernardino County Office of Education withhold \$499,070 (the district's nonexempted deficiency for 2006-07). After we approved the district's subsequent plan to bring them back into compliance, we requested the County to release these funds to the district.

For the 2007-08 fiscal year, all districts reported compliance except for Compton CCD.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Assistant Vice Chancellor Frederick E. Harris at (916) 324-9508 or fharris@cccco.edu.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Jack Scott'.

Jack Scott, Ph.D.  
Chancellor

cc: Members of the California State Legislature  
Glen Thomas, Secretary of Education  
Mike Genest, Director, Department of Finance  
Mac Taylor, Legislative Analyst