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California Community Colleges Chancellor Diane Woodruff Comments on the State Budget Proposal

SACRAMENTO – California Community Colleges Chancellor Diane Woodruff today comments on Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger’s proposed state budget for 2008-09.

“The California Community Colleges received a reduction of \$525 million that includes a two-thirds reduction in growth funds. Due to this reduction, we estimate that we will not be able to serve 52,000 new students next year. As the state’s largest provider of workforce training, the community colleges are critical to maintaining a healthy, growing economy. We recognize the fiscal dilemma that our Governor is forced to deal with, but we hope that we can continue to work closely with him to minimize the negative impact to our community colleges.”

The California Community Colleges is the largest higher educational system in the nation comprised of 72 districts and 109 colleges with more than 2.6 million students per year. Community colleges supply workforce training and basic skills education, prepare students for transfer to four-year institutions and offer opportunities for personal enrichment and lifelong learning. The System Office provides leadership, advocacy and support under the direction of the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges. For more information about the community colleges system, please visit <http://www.cccoco.edu/>.

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