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California Community Colleges and Grades 9 – 12 Administrators, Faculty and Staff:

On January 31, 2014, the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office will host an all-day summit for California educators and administrators involved with dual enrollment programs. Please join us at the Statewide Collaboration: Early & Middle Colleges and Dual Enrollment Programs to be held at the Hilton Orange County in Costa Mesa. This event will provide community college and grades 9-12 staff the opportunity to discuss effective practices, common needs, and policy involved with dual enrollment programs.

The utilization of dual enrollment has become a national movement in order to meet the needs of students and to prepare students to be college and career ready. According to a study by the Columbia University's Teachers College, students who participate in a dual enrollment program are more likely to graduate from high school and transition to baccalaureate institutions. Consequently, they are less likely to need basic skills courses in college and more likely to pursue postsecondary education thus accumulating more college credits. Dual enrollment can be the “lifesaver” for those students who are social-economically disadvantaged and whose ethnicity is under-represented at baccalaureate institutions as it provides students with a college experience while still in high school, allowing students to understand that they have the ability to be a successful college student. With the increased interest in dual enrollment, and with the cost benefits associated with a student obtaining college units while in high school therefore decreasing the years needed to obtain an undergraduate degree, now is the time to examine the current state of dual enrollment in California.

We encourage all dual enrollment stakeholders to mark their calendars for this beneficial, first-time summit. Our goal is to foster communication and articulation between the community colleges and high schools, which will lead to benefiting the needs of California students. Most of the cost is being underwritten by a grant from the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office. Attendance is limited to the first 300 paid registrations.

We look forward to seeing you in January!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barbara Illowsky".

Barbara S. Illowsky, PhD,
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cc: Barry A. Russell, Ph.D., Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs