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TO: Chief Executive Officers
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FROM: Rhonda Mohr, Interim Vice Chancellor, Student Services and Special Programs

SUBJECT: Cooperating Agencies Foster Youth Educational Support Program
Application To Participate

The Chancellor's Office is pleased to announce its intent to award funding as part of the **Cooperating Agencies Foster Youth Educational Support (CAFYES)** program to up to 10 new districts. CAFYES provides additional categorical funds -- separate and apart from current funding -- for services in support of postsecondary education for foster youth through a supplemental component of the existing Extended Opportunity Programs and Services (EOPS) program. (CAFYES is publicly recognized as NextUp: <http://nextup.cccco.edu/>.) Its purpose is to encourage the enrollment, retention and transfer of current and former foster youth in California's community colleges.

The CAFYES Application to Participate (ATP) process will identify districts for recommendation to the Board of Governors to select to operate CAFYES programs, funded through an allocation process, and provide project-based, start-up funds that must be spent by June 30, 2019. One electronic copy (PDF format) of the CAFYES ATP, containing all required signatures, must be e-mailed to cafyes@cccco.edu and received by **5:00 pm on March 9, 2018 PST**, to be considered for funding. Application forms (i.e. Contact Page and Signature Page), are in a format that will allow districts to copy locally and complete electronically. The ten districts currently operating CAFYES programs need not reapply.

District Superintendents and/or Chancellors are invited to submit one application in response to the CAFYES ATP on behalf of colleges within their districts. Districts may include all or some of the colleges within their district. Strong applications will provide clear data on the number of current and former foster youth currently being served, the number that are likely to be supported by the CAFYES program, and depict recruitment strategies specific to potentially eligible current and former foster youth. Given the supports that many current and former foster youth may need, applications should present a network of internal partners (e.g., other categorical programs and programs that serve foster youth) and external partners (e.g., county health and human services

agencies, county probation, Independent Living Programs, non-profit organizations, etc.) with which proposed college CAFYES programs will work collaboratively.

An Applicant Webinar will be held on Friday, January 26, 2018, from 2:00 pm - 4:00 p.m, via CCC Confer:

- Link to participate in ATP webinar:
<http://www.cccconfer.org/GoToMeeting?SeriesID=2eb6d3e0-744d-4ba7-950e-b5a37dc6274f>
- Webinar phone number: 1-888-886-3951
- Webinar passcode: 171795

Chancellor's Office staff cannot privately answer individual questions about CAFYES application preparation. Please submit questions about the ATP to cafyes@cccco.edu by **Monday, February 26, 2018**. Questions received before January 26, 2018, will be addressed during the webinar, if possible. Questions received by February 23, 2018, including those that we are unable to address during the webinar, will be answered in a cumulative Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document posted on the Chancellor's Office website at:
<http://extranet.ccccco.edu/Divisions/StudentServices.aspx>.

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