



## OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR

May 14, 2020

Dear LACCD Faculty, Staff and Administrators:

I hope this message finds you and your families well and safe. In moving forward as one District, the goal has been to prioritize the health and safety of our students, faculty and staff, while maintaining the integrity of our teaching, learning and business environments, and sustaining operational continuity of a very large and complex organization.

### **STATE BUDGET MAY REVISION**

Earlier today, Governor Gavin Newsom released his State Budget May Revision proposal for next year's state budget, which begins officially on July 1, 2020. The May Revision report is attached and to watch the Governor's full press conference, [click here](#).

The budget news for California is sobering—a \$54 billion budget gap to resolve—but not defeating, and clearly points to the unprecedented and devastating impact of the COVID-19 pandemic emergency on our State's challenging financial condition. Our District Administration is engaged now with reviewing and analyzing the May Revision and its potential impact to LACCD. The state Department of Finance is conducting a briefing for California Community Colleges on Friday, May 15, to provide further guidance for our two-year system. Our community colleges are key to this state's and nation's economic recovery, and our District will leverage every resource, including our robust advocacy teams in Sacramento and in Washington, D.C., to ensure our voice and influence are present to continue the investment in higher education when it is needed the most.

### **YOUR HEALTH AND SAFETY ARE OUR PRIORITY**

These are troubling, unsettling times for all of us and it's natural to be concerned or anxious. If you feel sick, stay home, notify your healthcare provider and let your supervisor know. If you do become ill from COVID-19, we want to know and want to help you if we can. You can report your status using the hotline number, (213) 221-5112.

If you are feeling stressed, depressed or anxious and need to talk with someone, contact the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health 24 hours a day at (800) 854-7771; send a text message, "LA" at 741741, or at <https://dmh.lacounty.gov/>. All LACCD personnel also can take advantage of our Employee Assistance Program, online at <http://laccd.edu/Departments/HumanResources/Total-Wellness-Program/Pages/HR-ARFLbenefits.aspx>, or by phone, 24/7, at (800) 327-0449.

Thank you all for your uncommon dedication to our students. We will get through this, and we'll be stronger and more unified as a result. Resilience and resolve must prevail here, and please stay safe.

**LACCD Proud. You are the best of us.**

With admiration and respect,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Francisco C. Rodriguez".

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