

Board Retreat Briefing: Legislative Update

SBCCD Government Relations, Strategic Communications & Grants Department

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Advancing Our Board-Approved Strategic Priorities

GOAL 1

Eliminate barriers to student access and success.

GOAL 2

Be a diverse, equitable, inclusive, and anti-racist institution.

GOAL 3

Be a leader and partner in addressing regional issues.

GOAL 4

Ensure fiscal accountability & sustainability.

Board-Approved 2025 Legislative & Budget Priorities:

- College Affordability
- Workforce Development
- Community Prosperity



What's Happening in Washington, D.C.?

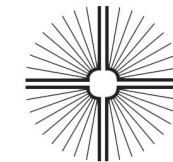
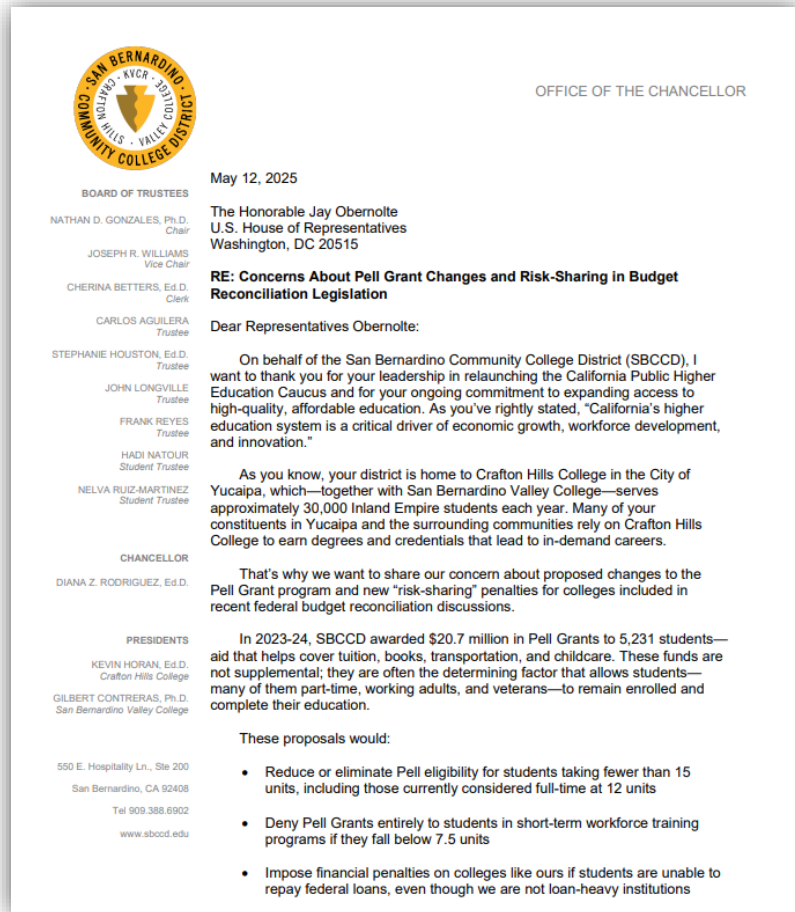
Federal Budget Cuts Threaten Key Student Supports

What's at Risk	What Could Change	What This Means for SBCCD
Pell Grants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ Reduces the maximum Pell Grant by 23%, from the current level of \$7,395 down to \$5,710. ✗ .No Pell Grants for students enrolled below half-time (fewer than 6 credits) 	<p>Support Senate proposal:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No eligibility cuts, +\$10B to Pell • In 2024-25, SBCCD awarded \$23M to 5,231 students. Cuts would reduce this drastically.
Federal Work Study	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ Reduce funding by 80% 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SBCCD students earned \$515K in 2024-25 through Work Study. This helps them stay in school and gain job experience.
TRIO, GEAR Up, SEOG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ Eliminate Dept. of Education student support grants. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In 2024-25, SBCCD delivered \$406K in support to first-gen and low-income students
WIOA, Apprenticeship Program, Reentry Employment Opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ Eliminate Dept. of Labor programs and replace them with “Make America Skilled Again” 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SBCCD partners with WIOA-funded organizations to provide upskilling programs to underserved youth/adults
Economic Development Administration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ Cut Dept. of Commerce budget for EDA by 57% 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cuts to EDA = Jeopardizes grants to modernize workforce infrastructure
Corporation for Public Broadcasting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ Cut \$1.1 billion to local television and radio stations for the next two fiscal years. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KVCR could lose \$1M over two years, threatening local educational programming.

Promising Developments

What's Moving Forward	What This Means for SBCCD
Bipartisan Workforce Pell (NEW) <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Would expand Pell Grant eligibility to short-term career programs (8–15 weeks, 150–599 hours)✓ Covers fast-track job training in fields like welding, HVAC, public safety, and more	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ SBCCD's short-term training could become more affordable for working adults, reentry learners, and students advancing their careers.✓ Could increase enrollment in high-demand job programs that align with local labor needs
HSI & MSI Grants Protected <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ No cuts proposed to Hispanic-Serving or Minority-Serving Institution programs✓ SBCCD continues to compete for these federal grants to support our students	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Our designation as an HSI still positions us to bring in federal resources

SBCCD Advocacy in Action



COMMUNITY COLLEGE LEAGUE
OF CALIFORNIA

What's Next in the Federal Legislative Calendar

June-July	August	September	October
<ul style="list-style-type: none">❑ House & Senate hold hearings and negotiate budget bills	<ul style="list-style-type: none">❑ August 9: Congress takes summer break (district meetings continue)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">❑ September 9: Return from break. Final negotiations window.❑ September 30: Last day of current federal fiscal year (FY2025). Deadline to pass a budget or short-term extension.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">❑ October 1: Federal Fiscal Year 2026 begins



What's Happening in Sacramento?

Proposed State Budget for Community Colleges

What's Funded	What It Does	Why It Matters for SBCCCD
✓ 2.3% COLA	Covers inflationary costs	Supports operational stability
✓ 2.35% Growth Allocation	Funds enrollment increases	Helps us keep up with student demand
✓ \$100M for Unfunded FTES	Funds 22,000 students not currently funded statewide	Ensures SBCCCD can maintain expanded course offerings
✓ \$80M Student Support Block Grant	Wraparound services: mental health, basic needs, etc.	Helps serve our most vulnerable students
✓ Credit for Prior Learning + Statewide Tech Platform	Streamlines tech systems so students can access services and credits more easily	Could accelerate graduation for working learners

⚠ **Concern:** Tech projects tied to Career Passport (Coud Tech Platform) may reduce block grant funding; weaken support services students rely on.

Proposed State Budget for Community Colleges

Assembly + Senate Proposal	One-Time	Why It Matters for SBCCCD
✓ Emergency Financial Aid	\$20 million	To backfill for any potential federal cuts.
✓ Financial Aid Outreach & Support	\$5.1 million	To help students apply for FAFSA & California Dream Act Application.
✓ Dreamer Resource Liaisons	\$15 million	To support undocumented students with legal aid, aid applications, and career planning.
✓ Part-Time Faculty Office Hours	\$44 million	Compensates adjunct instructors for time spent supporting students outside of class tutoring, mentoring, and advising.
✓ EMT/Paramedic Pre-Apprenticeship Academies	\$10 million	Could benefit CHC's health and public safety students
✓ Firefighter Apprenticeship Reimbursements	\$6.33 million	Could benefit CHC's Fire Academy' students

What's Next in the State Legislative Calendar

July	August	September	October
<ul style="list-style-type: none">❑ July 18: Last day for committees to act before summer break	<ul style="list-style-type: none">❑ August 18: Legislature returns from summer recess❑ August 29: Deadline for fiscal committees to send bills to the floor	<ul style="list-style-type: none">❑ September 12: Final deadline for both houses to pass bills	<ul style="list-style-type: none">❑ October 12: Governor's deadline to sign or veto. New bills take effect January 1, 2026



Workforce & Career Education

Bill (Author)	SBCCD Position	Summary	Status
AB 1400 (Soria)	Support	Establishes a pilot for BSN degrees at community colleges.	✓ Alive
AB 323 (Fong)	Support	Allows Strong Workforce funds to support paid work-based learning.	✓ Alive
SB 391 (Laird)	Support	Lets CCC Chancellor's Office charge fees for data requests.	✓ Alive



Financial Aid & Affordability

Bill (Author)	SBCCD Position	Summary	Status
AB 313 (Ortega)	Support	Gives students extra time to submit state aid if FAFSA is delayed.	✓ Alive
SB 305 (Reyes)	Support	Requires support for FAFSA/Dream Act completion at colleges.	✗ Suspense File
AB 1035 (Gonzales)	Support	Extends College Promise to cover years 3 and 4 for bachelor's students.	✗ Suspense File
AB 537 (Ahrens)	Support	Expands College Promise waivers to part-time students.	✓ Alive
AB 850 (Jones-Sawyer)	Support	Prohibits registration holds over student debt and ensures due process.	✗ Suspense File



Basic Needs & Student Support

Bill (Author)	SBCCD Position	Summary	Status
AB 90 (Jackson)	Oppose	Requires community colleges (not CSU/UC) to provide overnight parking for homeless students.	✓ Alive
SB 271 (Reyes)	Support	Requires campuses to share childcare and basic-needs resources with student parents.	✓ Alive
SB 761 (Ashby)	Support	Pushes colleges to identify students eligible for CalFresh and help them apply.	✓ Alive
AB 593 (Wicks)	Support	Supports CalFresh by improving student data-sharing access.	✓ Alive
AB 363 (Bryan)	Support	Expands CalWORKs Ed Program support for student parents.	✗ Suspense File



Dual Enrollment & Pathways

Bill (Author)	SBCCCD Position	Summary	Status
AB 988 (Sánchez)	Support	Creates statewide dual enrollment advisory board.	✓ Alive
AB 731 (Fong)	Support	Removes principal recommendation requirement for dual enrollment.	✓ Alive



Student Equity & Access

Bill (Author)	SBCCD Position	Summary	Status
AB 695 (Fong)	Support	Lets deported students continue online learning with in-state tuition.	✓ Alive
SB 98 (Perez)	Support	Requires notification of immigration enforcement on school campuses.	✓ Alive
AB 335 (Bryan)	Support	Creates grant funding for colleges serving Black students.	✗ Suspense File



Facilities, Housing & Infrastructure

Bill (Author)	SBCCCD Position	Summary	Status
AB 48 (Alvarez)	Support	Places K–14 facilities bond on ballot (includes CCC modernization funds).	✓ Alive
AB 648 (Zbur)	Support	Exempts CCC housing projects from local zoning rules.	✓ Alive
SB 416 (Ashby)	Support	Requires LEED certification for major state-funded construction.	✗ Suspense File

Upcoming Advocacy Engagements

July	August	Fall
<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Big Bear Lake City Council presentation (7/9)✓ Campus tours with state legislators (Wallis, Garcia, Ramos, Ochoa Bogh)✓ EDCT tour with Supervisors Baca Jr. & Rowe	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Rialto City Council update (8/26)✓ Sacramento advocacy meetings (TBD)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ San Bernardino City Council update (TBD)✓ K–12 School Board presentations across seven districts and County Schools