



San Bernardino Community College District
Board Legislative Committee Meeting
November 13, 2025
12:30 pm-1:45 pm Pacific Time

MEETING AGENDA

Physical Meeting Location:

*San Bernardino Community College District
550 E. Hospitality Lane, Suite 200, Boardroom
San Bernardino, CA 92408*

Trustee Carlos Aguilera

Zoom Link: <https://sbccd-edu.zoom.us/j/89693812318>

Physical Location:

*3989 Lemon Street
Riverside, CA 92501*

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I. WELCOME & CALL TO ORDER

(Frank Reyes)

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS

(Frank Reyes)

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

(Frank Reyes)

- A. 2025-02-13 BLC Meeting Minutes

IV. APPROVAL OF 2026-2027 LEGISLATIVE & BUDGET PRIORITIES

(Angel Rodriguez)

- A. Supplemental Materials

V. FEDERAL UPDATES

(Angel Rodriguez)

VI. REGIONAL UPDATES

(Ynez Canela)

- A. Past/Upcoming Events

VII. OTHER BUSINESS/ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

(Frank Reyes)

- A. Trustee Suggestions

VIII. NEXT MEETING DATE & ADJOURNMENT

(Frank Reyes)

- A. The next meeting of the Board Legislative Committee:
December 12, 2025, at 12:30 p.m. (in person)
SBCCD Boardroom Extension
550 E. Hospitality Lane Suite 200
San Bernardino, CA 92408
- B. Adjournment



Board of Trustees Legislative Committee

Meeting Minutes – February 13, 2025

San Bernardino Community College District, Boardroom Extension
550 E. Hospitality Ln., Ste 200, San Bernardino, CA 92408

Members Present:

Trustee Frank Reyes
Trustee John Longville
Trustee Carlos Aguilera (arrived 12:35)

Members Absent:

Staff Present:

Jose Torres, Executive Vice Chancellor
Gilbert Contreras, SBVC President
Angel Rodriguez, Associate Vice Chancellor Government Relations & Strategic Communications
Ynez Canela, Associate Director Legislative & Community Relations
Heather Madole, Administrative Officer, Office of the Chancellor

I. WELCOME & CALL TO ORDER

Trustee Reyes called the meeting to order at 12:31 p.m.

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II. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. 2025-01-09 Minutes

Trustee Longville moved to approve the 2025-01-09 Board Legislative Committee minutes. Trustee Reyes seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL Vote: AYES: Longville, Reyes
 NOES: None
 ABSENT: Aguilera
 ABSTENTIONS: None

Motion Passed

IV. FEDERAL UPDATE

A. Hispanic Serving Institutions (HSI) Update – Dr. Lena Rodriguez, Executive Vice President for Policy and Government Relations & Xiomara Santos, Executive Director of Government Relations from the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities.

Had over 2,500 letters sent to federal and state offices. Have been active meeting with the HSI Caucus. Will begin to meet with state legislative individuals. Xiomara shared the HSI status needs to be recertified each year. Have been in contact with members of Congress the importance of HSI designation, cannot apply for specific funding. Urges SBCCD to get involved in the advocacy campaign.

Trustee Aguilera requested HSI data that SBCCD trustees can share while advocating. Dr. Lena Rodriguez will send the advocacy QR code.

V. STATE UPDATES

A. Sacramento Advocacy Update

- a.** Met with the following on 1/27/25
 - i.** Senator Ochoa Bogh
 - ii.** Senator Gomes Reyes' Office
 - iii.** Assemblymember Robert Garcia
 - iv.** Assemblymember James Ramos' Office
 - v.** Assemblymember Greg Wallis

B. Sacramento Advocacy Debrief

- a.** Dr. Contreras requested inquiring in the SCFF to allocate a line in the budget for teaching CTE classes.

C. Legislative Updates

- a.** Tracking approximately 30 bills. SBCCD has not taken a position on any of these bills yet, still analyzing.
- b.**
 - i.** AB 95 (Fong) - Postsecondary education: Coordinating Commission for Education in California. (*Accountability*)
 - ii.** AB 79 (Arambula) - Public social services: higher education. (*Basic Needs*)
 - iii.** AB 259 (Rubio) - Open meetings: local agencies: teleconferences. (*Brown Act*)
 - iv.** ABX 11 (Gabriel) - Budget Act of 2024. (*Budget*)
 - v.** ABX 12 (Gabriel) - Budget Act of 2024. (*Budget*)
 - vi.** ACA 1 (Valencia) - Public Finance. (*Budget*)
 - vii.** ACA 1 (Valencia) - Public Finance. (*Budget*)
 - viii.** SBX 11 (Weiner) - Budget Act of 2024. (*Budget*)
 - ix.** AB 323 (Fong) - Strong Workforce Program: work-based learning opportunities. (*Courses and Programs*)
 - x.** SB 91 (Cervantes) - University of California: law school. (*Courses and Programs*)
 - xi.** AB 88 (Ta) - Student financial aid: Cal Grants: Middle Class Scholarship Program: eligibility: dependents of members of the armed services stationed outside of California. (*Financial Aid*)

- xii. AB 243 (Ahrens) - Postsecondary education: student financial aid dependency status: juvenile case file inspection. (*Financial Aid*)
- xiii. AB 363 (Bryan) - Community colleges: CalWORKs Recipients Education Program: eligibility and services. (*Financial Aid*)
- xiv. SB 60 (Seyarto) - Public postsecondary education: waiver of tuition and fees: California Military Department GI Bill Award Program: extended education courses. (*Financial Aid/Veterans*)
- xv. SB 67 (Seyarto) - Community colleges: CalWORKs Recipients Education Program: eligibility and services. (*Financial Aid*)
- xvi. SCA 1 (Grove) - A resolution to propose to the people of the State of California an amendment to the Constitution of the State, by adding Section 8.5 to Article IX thereof, and by adding Section 8.1 to Article XVI thereof, relating to educational expenses. (*Funding*)
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- xx. ACA 4 (Jackson) - A resolution to propose to the people of the State of California an amendment to the Constitution of the State, by adding Section 24 to Article XVI thereof, relating to homelessness. (*Housing and Homelessness*)
- xxi. AB 49 (Muratsuchi) - Schoolsites and day care centers: entry requirements: immigration enforcement. (*Immigration*)
- xxii. AB 85 (Essayli) - Law enforcement: cooperation with immigration authorities. (*Immigration*)
- xxiii. AB 65 (Aguiar-Curry) - School and community college employees: paid disability and parental leave. (*Labor*)
- xxiv. AB 374 (Nguyen) - K–14 classified employees: payment of wages: itemized statements. (*Labor*)
- xxv. SB 241 (Cervantes) - Community colleges: personnel: qualifications. (*Labor*)
- xxvi. AB 73 (Jackson) - Mental Health: Black Mental Health Navigator Certification. (*Mental Health*)
- xxvii. AB 58 (Soria) - Postsecondary education. (*Miscellaneous*)
- xxviii. AB 240 (Alanis) - Community colleges: study: Counties of Amador, Alpine, Mariposa, Modoc, and Sierra. (*Miscellaneous*)
- xxix. AB 335 (Gibson) - The Designation of California Black-Serving Institutions Grant Program. (*Miscellaneous*)
- xxx. AB 386 (Tangipa) - Personal Income Tax Law: Corporation Tax Law: credits: student loan payments. (*Taxes*)
- xxxi. AB 335 (Gibson) - The Designation of California Black-Serving Institutions Grant Program. (*Miscellaneous*)
- xxxii. AB 386 (Tangipa) - Personal Income Tax Law: Corporation Tax Law: credits: student loan payments. (*Taxes*)

- xxxiii. AB 9 (Quirk-Silva) - University of California: California State University: transfer students. (*Transfer*)
- xxxiv. AB 264 (Carrillo) - Veterans: benefits. (*Veterans*)

VI. REGIONAL UPDATES

A. SB Job Growth Corridor

The San Bernardino Community College District's Chancellor Rodriguez and Board Trustee Reyes met with four members of the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors to advocate for \$10M in funding. The funding would support workforce development industry skills, prison-to-employment, and airport firefighter training at SBCCD and the SB Regional Emergency Training Center.

Upcoming Events

SBVC Applied Technology Building Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

March 6, 2025

6:00 pm

Jackie Contreras, Administrative Project Coordinator (*New Team Member*)

February 18, 2025

Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities – National Capitol Forum

April 29 – 30, 2025

VII. INFORMATION ITEMS

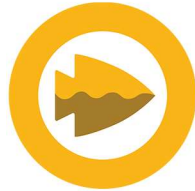
President Contreras reported SBVC is pursuing the BSI designation.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS/ ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

IX. NEXT MEETING DATE & ADJOURNMENT

- A. The next meeting of the Board Legislative Committee
March 13, 2025, at 12:30 p.m.
SBVC B-100
- B. The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

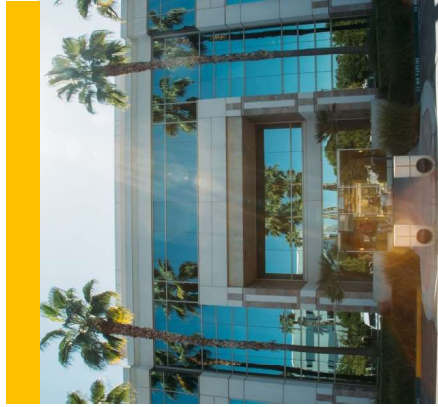
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Why We Exist

BLC Committee Charge

The SBCCD Board of Trustees Legislative Committee exists as a standing, advisory committee comprised of less than a quorum of Board members and is subject to the California Public Meetings Brown Act. The committee is charged with:

Increasing the efficiency of the Board of Trustees by performing time-sensitive legislative research on its behalf.

Improving clarity by providing a platform for detailed questions not conducive to the flow of monthly business meetings.

Promoting transparency of SBCCD's legislative advocacy priorities through discussions in an open forum.

Fostering an environment of understanding by communicating findings and formulating recommendations to the full Board of Trustees.

What We Support

Legislative Principles

The SBCCD Board Legislative Committee and Chancellor's Office evaluate local, state, and federal policy proposals and recommend action to support, oppose, or remain neutral.

**Eliminate
Barriers to
Student Access
and Success**

**Increase Public
Investment in
Community
College Students**

**Improve College
Affordability &
Basic Needs
Support**

**Support Local
Decision-Making**

**Strengthen
State and Federal
Partnerships**

**Promote Civic
Engagement**



2026 Legislative & Budget Priorities for Workforce Development and Community Prosperity

Draft / Action Item

2026 Advocacy Priorities

Let's Make College & Career Education More Affordable

- Streamline Student Access to Essential Resources for College Affordability and Career Success
- Expand State Financial Aid to Strengthen the Talent Pipeline
- Invest in Simplifying FAFSA and Expanding Pell Grants for a Skilled Workforce
- Promote Affordable Access to Textbooks and Learning Materials

2026 SBCCCD Advocacy Priorities

Let's Prepare Students for Good-Paying Careers

- Support \$10 Million for the San Bernardino Job Growth Corridor to Modernize Job Training Facilities
- Expand Bachelor's Degrees at Community Colleges for High-Need Careers
- Strengthen Apprenticeships and California's Career Education Systems
- Enhance Credit for Prior Learning to Support Adult Learners

2026 SBCCCD Advocacy Priorities

Let's Build Affordable Student Housing and Combat Hunger

- Advocate for \$50 Million for the Affordable Student and Workforce Housing Project
 - Expand CalFresh Access at Community College Cafeterias for a Healthy Future
- Workforce

2026 SBCCD Advocacy Priorities

Let's Open Doors of Opportunity for Everyone

- Empower All Students to Build Community and Achieve Success
- Support Advocacy Efforts to Protect Federal Investments in Hispanic-Serving Institutions for a Stronger Local Workforce
- Support Funding to Strengthen Equal Employment Opportunity Best Practices

2026 SBCCD Advocacy Priorities

Let's Safeguard the Financial Stability of our Community Colleges

- Ensure Emergency Preparedness and Immediate Relief for Our Community Colleges
- Protect Funding for Community Colleges Under Proposition 98
- Improve State Funding Model for Part-Time Faculty Health Insurance Program
- Provide CalSTRS/CalPERS Relief
- Support Ongoing Funding for KVCR TV/FM
- Support the CCC's 2026-27 Systemwide Budget Request

Next Steps

Key Dates:

- December 2 – State legislators sworn-in
- December 11 – SBCCD Board of Trustee Review/Approve 2026 Advocacy Priorities
- January 1 – New state laws take effect
- January 5 – State legislature reconvenes
- January 10 – Governor presents state budget proposal for 2026-27 (negotiations begin)
- January 25-26 – CCLC Legislative Conference in Sacramento
- February 8-11 – ACCT National Legislative Summit in Washington D.C.
- February 20 – Last day for bills to be introduced
- May 14 – May revise
- April 21-22 – HACU Capitol Forum in Washington D.C.

Progress on Goal #3: Being a Leader and Partner in Addressing Regional Issues

Cash for College



The San Bernardino Community College District teamed up on October 8th with local schools and colleges, lawmakers, and the California Student Aid Commission to promote college and career training affordability.

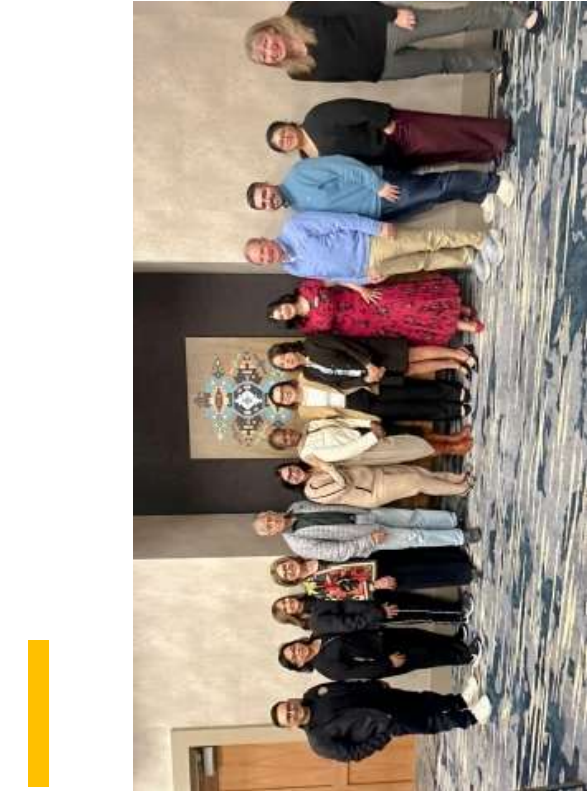


Legacy Village Community Meeting



The San Bernardino Community College District hosted community leaders throughout the region to highlight the Legacy Village project.

HACU 39th Annual Conference



The San Bernardino Community College District traveled to Colorado for the 39th Annual HACU Conference.



Upcoming

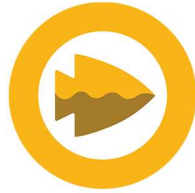
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November 20-22

Community College League of California Annual Summit (Orange County)

January 23-26

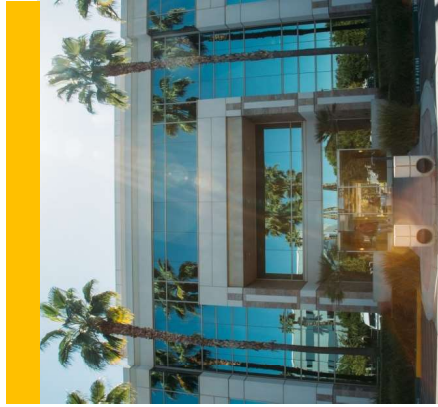
Community College League of California Legislative Conference (Sacramento)



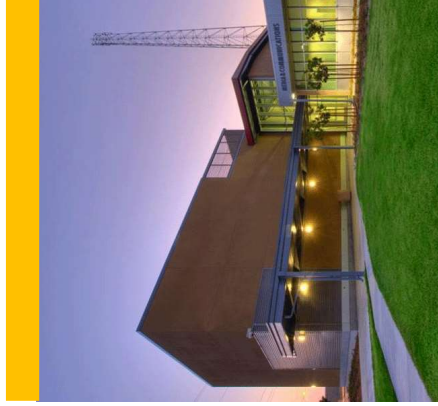
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**San Bernardino Community College District
2026 Legislative and Budget Priorities
for Workforce Development and Community Prosperity**

Overview: The legislative and budget priorities outlined below advance SBCCD’s four districtwide goals and mission to “Positively impact the lives and careers of our students, the well-being of their families, and the prosperity of our community through excellence in educational and training opportunities.” SBCCD shall refer to these advocacy priorities when engaging with policymakers and key stakeholders during the 2026-27 legislative and budget-building cycle.

Let’s Make College & Career Education More Affordable

- **Streamline Student Access to Essential Resources for College Affordability and Career Success:** SBCCD supports policies and cross-sector collaboration to build stronger referral systems that connect eligible students with essential resources, including but not limited to financial aid for college, housing, CalFresh, Medi-Cal, and Covered California. Expanding access to these critical local and state resources reduces the overall cost of attending community college, easing financial strain on students pursuing degrees and career certificates. Streamlining these systems is a practical investment in the Inland Empire’s economic future, creating pathways for students—especially those balancing work, family, and education—to gain valuable skills and improve their career success. This approach strengthens our workforce, promotes self-sufficiency, and contributes to a resilient, thriving economy.
- **Expand State Financial Aid to Strengthen the Talent Pipeline:** A strong economy depends on a skilled workforce. Expanding and simplifying California’s financial aid eligibility will enable more Inland Empire residents to access community college and career training, directly supporting workforce readiness and economic growth. SBCCD supports funding and implementing the Cal Grant Equity Framework and other state initiatives to broaden financial aid eligibility for recent high school graduates and adult learners, making career-focused education more affordable. This approach is essential to meeting employer demands for skilled workers, advancing economic opportunity in underserved regions, and reinforcing our regional and state’s position as a competitive, innovative economy.

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Invest in Simplifying FAFSA and Expanding Pell Grants for a Skilled Workforce:

SBCCD supports federal policies that simplify financial aid access by reducing unnecessary complexity in the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Streamlining FAFSA will ensure all eligible students—including those from low- and middle-income families, regardless of their parents' background—can access financial aid, making community college and career training more attainable. This approach empowers working adults, returning veterans, and students to strengthen our local economy. Additionally, SBCCD advocates for increased investments in the Pell Grant and supports the passage of the Bipartisan Workforce Pell Act, which aims to expand Pell Grant eligibility to high-quality, short-term workforce programs. This legislation provides more opportunities for individuals to gain skills in high-demand fields, fueling economic growth and workforce readiness.

Promote Affordable Access to Textbooks and Learning Materials:

SBCCD supports policies, funding, and partnerships that make textbooks and learning materials more affordable and accessible for students. By negotiating agreements with textbook companies to lower costs and expanding initiatives like open educational resources (OER), the Zero Textbook Cost initiative, textbook rental programs, and digital access options, we can reduce financial burdens on students. These efforts help ensure students have the tools to succeed in their studies and develop the skills essential for the workforce.

Let's Prepare Students for Good-Paying Careers

- Support \$10 Million for the San Bernardino Job Growth Corridor to Modernize Job Training Facilities:** SBCCD is seeking \$10 million to create the San Bernardino Job Growth Corridor, a revitalization project to modernize job training facilities located in the neighborhood adjacent to San Bernardino International Airport, the former Norton Air Force Base. Both the Economic Development & Corporate Training Center and the San Bernardino Regional Emergency Training Center are in critical need of life and safety infrastructure improvements and space modernization to support hands-on training for first responders and essential industry jobs. These upgrades will revitalize the community, address regional job training needs, and equip a skilled workforce to drive economic growth.
- Expand Bachelor's Degrees at Community Colleges for High-Need Careers:** SBCCD supports policies to expand bachelor's degree offerings at community colleges to prepare students for high-demand careers. Crafton Hills College offers a bachelor's in Respiratory Care, and San Bernardino Valley College offers one in Water Resources Management—two fields essential to our region's health and sustainability. Expanding these programs will give more students access to valuable credentials, address regional workforce needs, and strengthen our commitment to collaborative partnerships with four-year universities to support student success.

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- **Strengthen Apprenticeships and California's Career Education Systems:** SBCCD supports the Governor's goal of creating 500,000 earn-and-learn apprenticeships by 2029 and advocates for funding to strengthen initiatives like the California Apprenticeship Initiative. Apprenticeship opportunities enable students to earn credit toward certificates or degrees through on-the-job training or classroom-based experiential learning—reducing the need to sacrifice income for education. Moreover, SBCCD supports the collaborative approach and core principles of the Master Plan for Career Education, which aims to modernize how education and workforce systems work together, ensuring learners gain skills and qualifications for high-opportunity careers.
- **Enhance Credit for Prior Learning to Support Adult Learners:** SBCCD supports competency-based education and initiatives that allow adult learners to receive college credits based on their relevant work experience, making higher education more accessible and aligned with workforce needs. Additionally, SBCCD advocates ensuring that any “credit for prior learning” recognized by community colleges seamlessly transfers to University of California (UC) and California State University (Cal State) institutions. These efforts support students' career advancement and educational progress across California's higher education system.

Let's Build Affordable Student Housing and Combat Hunger

- **Advocate for \$50M for the Affordable Student and Workforce Housing Project:** SBCCD supports regional collaboration and public-private partnerships to develop affordable housing for community college students facing housing insecurity. We advocate for state funding formulas that ensure equitable access to housing resources across California, particularly for Inland Empire community colleges. Formulas often favor coastal regions due to their higher cost of living, disadvantaging Inland Empire colleges when applying for state housing grants. SBCCD urges adjustments to these formulas to fairly support affordable student housing needs in all regions.
- **Expand CalFresh Access at Community College Cafeterias for a Healthy Future Workforce:** SBCCD supports policy changes that allow community college campuses to accept EBT for a broader range of affordable, healthy food options. Many students work while attending school, balancing multiple responsibilities, and need convenient access to nutritious meals to stay productive. Current restrictions classify campus cafeterias with over 50% prepared foods as restaurants, limiting EBT usage, despite these cafeterias' focus on accessible and healthy options. SBCCD advocates for granting an exemption for campus settings to ensure students have the resources to focus on their studies, complete their programs, and enter the workforce better prepared. Allowing EBT access in these unique environments is a practical investment in the state's talent pipeline, improving workforce readiness and reducing barriers to success for students who will contribute to our economic growth.

DRAFT**Let's Open Doors of Opportunity for Everyone**

- Empower All Students to Build Community and Achieve Success:** At SBCCD, we are committed to creating an environment where students, employees, and guests of all backgrounds feel welcomed, respected, and valued. SBCCD supports funding and policies that provide every student with access to higher education, career training, financial aid, support services, and on-campus networks—including learning communities that foster belonging and educational growth. By promoting inclusive educational practices and encouraging social and intellectual exchange among people of diverse cultures, races, genders, ages, religions, political perspectives, sexual orientations, immigration statuses, and abilities, we cultivate a strong, connected community. Together, we empower each member of SBCCD to realize their potential, build meaningful relationships, and prepare for success in the workforce, contributing to the prosperity of our local communities.
- Support Federal Investments in Hispanic-Serving Institutions For a Stronger Local Workforce:** As federally recognized Hispanic-Serving Institutions, Crafton Hills College and San Bernardino Valley College reflect the diversity of the Inland Empire and play a critical role in workforce development. SBCCD supports federal investments in HSIs to expand access to STEM education, apprenticeships, and pathways to four-year universities. These investments prepare the healthcare workers who keep us healthy, the first responders who keep us safe, and the skilled professionals who drive our economy forward.
- Support Funding to Strengthen Equal Employment Opportunity Best Practices:** SBCCD supports ongoing funding to align hiring practices with statewide equal employment opportunity goals, fostering a workplace and learning environment where everyone has the opportunity to succeed and feel they belong. This investment creates spaces where employees and students can thrive and contribute meaningfully to our communities.

Let's Safeguard the Financial Stability of Our Community Colleges

- Ensure Emergency Preparedness and Immediate Relief for Our Community Colleges:** SBCCD supports partnerships and funding at all levels—local, state, federal, and public-private—to quickly address the safety and technology needs of our students, faculty, and staff. In times of crisis, from wildfires and extreme heat to snowstorms and pandemics, rapid access to emergency funds is crucial to keep our colleges operational and able to serve our community. By securing timely resources, we help our colleges not only navigate emergencies but also emerge stronger and ready to support the Inland Empire's recovery and growth.

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- **Protect Funding for Community Colleges Under Proposition 98:** Proposition 98, passed in 1988, mandates a minimum state funding level for K-12 schools and California community colleges. We urge policymakers to protect state funding for community colleges. Ensuring community colleges receive their fair share of funding is essential to maintaining educational quality and accessibility.
- **Improve State Funding Model for Part-Time Faculty Health Insurance Program:** SBCCD supports state policy changes aimed at enhancing the funding structure of the Part-Time Faculty Health Insurance Program in California and advocates for a system where the state directly provides the necessary funding to community college districts instead of reimbursing them later. The Part-Time Faculty Health Insurance Program's current reimbursement model heavily burdens districts like SBCCD with substantial upfront costs before receiving state reimbursements. This creates financial uncertainty and makes it challenging for SBCCD to manage other significant financial commitments. To provide health benefits to all part-time faculty members, SBCCD would need an upfront expenditure of \$13.2 million, which exceeds the district's current capacity. Therefore, it is vital that the state adjusts the funding mechanism by providing upfront funding to districts. This change would reduce financial uncertainty and enable SBCCD to enhance the educational experience for all.
- **Provide CalSTRS/CalPERS Relief:** SBCCD supports ongoing funding in non-Proposition 98 resources to "buy down" the employer contribution levels required by colleges/districts. Doing so will free up general fund revenues for other student-centered priorities.
- **Support Ongoing Funding for KVCR TV/FM:** SBCCD owns and operates KVCR, the Inland Empire's NPR and PBS affiliate station, and the headquarters of FNX, the nation's only TV channel devoted to Native American and World Indigenous programming. SBCCD requests ongoing public investment to enhance KVCR TV/FM's ability to provide long-term educational content, local news, and diverse cultural programs to our region and beyond.
- **Support the CCC's 2026-27 Systemwide Budget Request:** SBCCD supports the California Community Colleges' 2025-26 systemwide budget request, which includes \$478.1 million in ongoing and \$237.4 million in one-time resources. This funding will advance Vision 2030 and the Governor's Roadmap for the Future by providing stable base funding, essential support for faculty, and flexible academic and career pathways that equip students to succeed in the workforce.