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**EL CAMINO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT**  
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**Date:** July 8, 2010  
**To:** El Camino Community College District Board of Trustees  
**From:** Ann M. Garten  
Community Relations Director  
**Re:** June 21 Board Meeting Back-Up Information

Attached, please find information requested by various Board Members at your June 21, 2010 meeting.

The attachments include:

- Memo on Inglewood City Honors status from Vice President Arce
- Copy of a letter from Associate Dean Claudia Lee to Inglewood Superintendent McHenry
- Memo from Vice President Arce referencing a future report on the 2009-10 Center for the Arts performances
- PDF with the El Camino Community College District Logo in 2007-08 and 2009-10; the ECC Compton Center logo in 2007-08 and 2009-10; and the Compton Community College District logo in 2007-08 and 2009-10.

This is one of the issues the community members addressed at the June Board meeting. This document shows that the El Camino District and the Compton District logos have not changed. The ECC Compton Center logo was revised in January 2010, at least in partial response to the community survey and focus groups conducted by the Compton District, which clearly indicates that many students attending the Compton Center are doing so because it is El Camino College. The revised Compton Center logo incorporates El Camino's logo with the name Compton Center in the Compton District colors.

Below is a sampling of comments made by participants in Focus Groups conducted on October 26 and 27, 2009, by Belden, Russonello and Stewart, on behalf of the Compton Community College District:

*The name "Compton" generates negative images because of all the negativity associated with the city, police, K-12, etc – ECC name brings credibility for the academics – "you know your credits will transfer with ECC's name on the transcripts"*

*Some ECC CEC students felt better about attending there because they can now say "I go to ECC" and not have to distinguish whether it's Torrance or Compton location*

*Comments from more than one individual: Compton should remain ECC to help its reputation; Compton is where you go until you get serious about college; where you go when Mom says get a job or go to college; college of last resort; don't have to show up for class at Compton and can still get a passing grade; ECC has a lot of work to do to bring Compton up to their standards; "Compton vs. ECC is like Pinto vs. Lexus – Pinto can learn a lot from Lexus"*



EL CAMINO COLLEGE  
Vice President – Academic Affairs

Date: July 6, 2010  
TO: President Fallo  
FROM: Francisco Arce  
SUBJECT: Status on City Honors

On June 29, 2010, Francisco Arce, Jeanie Nishime and Claudia Lee met with Gary McHenry, Superintendent of Inglewood Unified School District (IUSD) to discuss the ongoing concerns and allegations made by City Honors representatives at the June 19, 2010, ECCCD Board of Trustees meeting.

The following issues were discussed with Superintendent McHenry:

The source of animosity toward El Camino College is unclear other than the City Honors parents are insistent that ECC grant a waiver allowing other colleges, meaning Santa Monica College (SMC), to offer courses at the City Honors High School. McHenry spoke with SMC officials and was told they might offer one class in the fall, if ECC agrees to permit them to offer courses in our district. SMC is also over cap and it is late in the schedule development process. McHenry communicated this to the parents, but they seem resolved that other colleges like SMC and West LA will offer the courses the parents want. To be clear, ECC can offer the courses requested by the City Honors principal in fall 2010.

El Camino College requires all high schools to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) prior to offering college courses onsite. The ECC MOU was on the Inglewood Unified School District Board Agenda last month for approval, but it was not approved because some parents and Board members spoke against it. The vote was 5-0 against signing the ECC MOU. It appears the parents and the Board want to have the freedom to invite other colleges to offer courses in the Inglewood District, and particularly at City Honors High School.

ECC's proposal to offer eight courses in the fall is a good deal for City Honors. ECC has agreed to offer more courses at City Honors than are offered at other service area high schools. Since ECC is over cap, it is offering the courses on high school campuses through the Compton Center. Compton is under cap and is funded for growth next year.

ECC is unable to offer any courses at City Honors unless the IUSD Board approves the MOU.

Superintendent McHenry was given a proposed pattern of general education courses which will allow for City Honors students to complete two courses per term. The City Honors parents

believe that students are able to earn an AA degree during the four years they are in high school. However, high school courses do not count toward an AA degree and it is unclear how a student enrolled in high school full time is able to simultaneously complete 60 units of college courses. In 2010 one student out of some 60 City Honors graduates earned an AA Degree at West L.A. College.

Based on state regulations, community colleges and high schools cannot both collect apportionment for college and high school courses from the same students. It appears the City Honors parents and the Board of Trustees have a misunderstanding about this regulation and McHenry will need to explain the law to them.

City Honors requires all incoming students to have a 3.0 GPA or higher to attend. City Honors students are very capable academically and able to benefit from college courses. One student earned an AA Degree this year, truly an exception. McHenry says the message to students and parents should be that students can receive “advanced standing”; not an AA degree.

ECC is willing to permit other colleges to offer courses if ECC is unable to offer a particular course. It appears to us that parents want to determine the course list, rather than using an educational plan approach. It becomes more of a pick and chose approach, than one based on sound educational planning. This point was emphasized in the meeting with McHenry.

ECC will continue to work with the Superintendent to clarify roles and responsibilities. The ECC contact is Claudia Lee, Associate Dean of Enrollment Services. Keith Curry, Dean of Student Services at Compton Center, will work with Claudia Lee and the Superintendent to develop a better and more organized timeline for course selection and education planning.

Superintendent McHenry said he will meet with his Board to discuss the issues noted in this memo.



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Superintendent Gary McHenry  
 Inglewood Unified School District  
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July 6, 2010

Dear Superintendent McHenry,

Thank you for meeting with Francisco Arce, Jeanie Nishime, and me on June 29, 2010 to discuss the ongoing partnership between City Honors High School and El Camino College (ECC). Our meeting was very productive and we came to agreement on several key issues.

For Fall 2010, the El Camino College Compton Center agrees to offer eight courses at City Honors. The schedule of courses is as follows:

DANCE	26ABCD	M lec M lab W lab	1:00p 2:05p 1:00p	2:05p 3:15p 3:15p	9/13/2010	12/15/2010
THEA	8	T lec T lab TH lab	1:00p 2:20p 1:00p	2:20p 3:40p 3:40p	9/14/2010	12/16/2010
CH	1	TTH	3:00p	5:00p	9/14/2010	12/16/2010
AJ	100	T	1:00p	4:35p	9/15/2010	12/14/2010
SPAN	1	MTWH	1:00p	3:40p	9/13/2010	12/16/2010
SOCI	101	MW	7:30a	9:20a	9/13/2010	12/15/2010
PSYC	5	TTH	7:30a	9:20a	9/14/2010	12/16/2010
SCOM	1	MW	7:30a	9:20a	9/13/2010	12/16/2010

In addition, in the case that City Honors requests a course that is not offered in the ECC Catalog, and the request was made according to ECC's published schedule development timeline, ECC agrees to permit another college to offer the course at City Honors High School.

ECC recommends that beginning Fall 2011, City Honors follow a prescribed educational plan that has been created in collaboration with Thelma Brown, principal of City Honors. Before ECC proposes a pattern of courses, the goal for graduating City Honors students must first be identified. Currently, it is unclear as to whether the courses should be for the AA degree or transfer.

Finally, ECC cannot offer courses for Fall 2010 until the Inglewood Unified School District Board of Trustees approves the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). This MOU outlines the responsibilities of both ECC and City Honors and is an integral component to the success of ECC courses at City Honors High School. All registration and enrollment procedures are clearly

outlined in the MOU and must be adhered to by both parties. The MOU has been implemented with all high schools partnering with ECC and has proven to be an effective tool for clarifying roles and responsibilities.

We look forward to a continued partnership with the Inglewood Unified School District. Please contact me with any questions or concerns.

Regards,

Claudia Lee, Ed.D.  
Interim Associate Dean  
Enrollment Services

Cc: Francisco Arce  
Jeanie Nishime



**EL CAMINO COLLEGE**

Vice President – Academic Affairs

July 7, 2010

TO: President Fallo

FROM: Francisco Arce

SUBJECT: 2009-10 Center for the Arts Contract Performances

In 2009-10, the Center for the Arts scheduled nine contract performances. Due to budget reductions initiated mid-year, the Center for the Arts budget was reduced by \$100,000 and as a result, four of the scheduled contract performances were cancelled. The rationale for reducing contract performances were: (1) to reduce the budget; and (2) to redirect energy and emphasis toward the resident artists program. In 2010-11, the total number of contract performances scheduled will be six and the total number of resident artists performances will be 16.

While this does not fully explain all of the changes in the Center for the Arts programming, a report is being developed that will show the income and expenses for contract performances, resident artists, and the discovery series. In addition, we will also prepare a report showing the facilities rentals income and expenses for 2009-10. We will combine all of this information into one report.

**2007-2008**



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**2009-2010**



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