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## **El Camino Community College District Board of Trustees Approve Proceeding with Negotiations on Compton College Agreement**

The El Camino Community College District Board of Trustees on Monday gave approval for El Camino College to proceed with negotiations for an agreement to provide educational and related support services to residents of the Compton Community College District beginning this fall.

Following an update from Superintendent/President Thomas M. Fallo, and a public hearing to solicit comments from the community, the Board openly discussed the potential agreement and voted 3-2 to direct staff to proceed with the details of an agreement with the neighboring campus. The motion included the following conditions: adhering to collegial consultation as appropriate; developing an academic and fiscal plan; allocating appropriate resources to move forward; and defining a more specific method to withdraw from the agreement.

"Our primary concern is for the students of the Compton Community College District," stated Thomas M. Fallo, El Camino College superintendent/president. "This is the right thing to do; our staff is very capable and can do the job."

The primary intent of an agreement between the El Camino Community College District and the Compton Community College District is to assist the campus in Compton with recovery and full accreditation as a two-year public college within the next five to eight years.

Under the agreement, El Camino College will provide accredited instructional and related support services, in addition to administrative services to meet the needs of Compton students. Compton Community College would operate as an educational center of the El Camino Community College District. El Camino College courses would be taught at the Compton Community Educational Center by Compton faculty beginning with the fall 2006 semester.

In late June, the Legislature approved and the Governor signed legislation that outlines the parameters for a community college district to enter into an agreement with the Compton Community College District to provide accredited instructional programs to students residing in the Compton district.

El Camino College is in good standing with the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC), and has successfully completed the accreditation cycle to secure accreditation until 2008. Established in 1947, El Camino College serves about 26,000 students from the South Bay and beyond. The district is one of the largest single-campus two-year institutions in the state, serving the communities of El Segundo, Hawthorne, Hermosa Beach, Inglewood, Lawndale, Lennox, Redondo Beach, Manhattan Beach and Torrance – a population of over one million residents.

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