



## EL CAMINO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

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August 28, 2008

Board of Trustees  
El Camino Community College District

Dear Members of the Board:

Welcome to your Board agenda packet for our Tuesday, September 2, 2008, Board meeting. All your laborers, faculty, staff and students, will enjoy our Monday holiday. We had an excellent start-of-school year with Flex day activities at both campuses. I trust that you will find parking on Tuesday.

As noticed in your August agenda and as published in *The Daily Breeze*, attachment 1, the major activity for the September meeting is always the District's annual final budget. The budget document is enclosed along with another transmittal letter on the 2008-2009 budget, attachment 2. I will provide any updated information on State budget issues in my comments presenting the recommended budget to you on Tuesday.

Once the public hearing and final budget adoption is completed, we move to the consent agenda which is relatively short, however, I would like to direction attention to:

- A. Student and Community Advancement's presentation of the School Year Calendars for 2009-10, 2010-11, and 2011-12.
- B. Administrative Services Change Order for Parking Lot H which is explained in Vice President Higdon's memo, attachment 3. Please note that I have also scheduled a tentative closed session item if you have any confidential questions concerning this item. If you do, we will simply delay the action on the Change Order until after the closed session.
- C. Human Resources presents a new classification for Athletic Director. This position is designated as a Management position and we have agreement from the El Camino College Federation of Teachers to remove it from the bargaining unit.
- D. Additionally, the re-establishment of the Small Business Services Director as a Management position is a precursor to a complete overhaul and review of the Special Services Professional designations. Vice President Perez' explanation is included in your packet as attachment 4.

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting is October 20, 2008. As in the past, there may be a few items that will get conditional approval subject to ratification because of the time between Board meetings.

You may have observed a new operating procedure. In an effort to manage your reading schedules, we are now flowing articles and newsletters to you throughout the month rather than saving them as part of the Board packet. They will also be placed on the web site as we stream them to you.

I trust you will continue your involvement in our 2008 Accreditation process by making yourself available to the Accreditation team. At this time, the visit leader, Dr. Don Averill, former Chancellor of the San Bernardino Community College District, requests meeting with the Board members on Wednesday, October 8<sup>th</sup> from 9:50 a.m. to 11 a.m. Please let Kathy Oswald know of your availability.

As mentioned previously, the visit starts on Monday, October 6<sup>th</sup> and concludes with a Thursday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, meeting at 1:45 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. where the Team Chair will present the findings to the College constituents. We hope to produce two or three special *President's Newsletters* between now and that final meeting date.

Also, on October 18<sup>th</sup>, the El Camino College Foundation is hosting an open house at Jan and Ian Teague's home. Many of you have enjoyed this event in the past and I will be more than happy to host you and your spouse this year. Please let Kathy Oswald know of your desire.

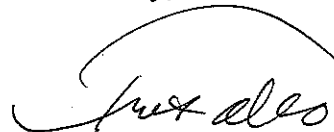
Following items are enclosed for your review:

1. Letter from Barbara Beno, Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, announcing Dr. Averill as Accreditation Team Chair, July 22, 2008;
2. *President's Newsletter*, August 21, 2008;
3. Letter Assemblymember Mervyn M. Dymally, is sending to potential members of the Legislative Task Force on the Future of Compton College, August 13, 2008;
4. Memo regarding the Library Hours from Alice Grigsby, August 19, 2008;
5. Letter to the Editor from Rick Marshall, regarding Torrance Unified School District bond, *Daily Breeze*, August 15, 2008;
6. "Assistance Chief a Public-Safety Veteran," *Daily Bulletin*, August 24, 2008;
7. "Community College Activates Emergency Text System," *Hi-Desert Star*, August 20, 2008;

8. "MiraCosta College Rejects Grand Jury's suggestions," *SignonSanDiego.com*, August 22, 2008;
9. "Emergency Alerts via Facebook and MySpace Are New Ways to Teach Students," *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, August 22, 2008;
10. "A Tidal Wave of Tax Plans," *The Daily Breeze*, August 21, 2008;
11. "Florida State: Prized Recruit Gets OK to Train," *MiamiHerald.com*, August 20, 2008;
12. "Rodney Murray Appointed Dean of Vocational Education at Compton Center," *The Compton Bulletin*, August 13, 2008;
13. "El Camino-Compton Registration Under Way," *Press Telegram*, August 5, 2008;
14. "Charter School is No Shop Class," *Daily Breeze*, August 13, 2008;
15. Ambassadors of Harmony, A Festival of Peace, Marsee Auditorium, September 9, 2008;
16. Joy of Music brochure;
17. *El Camino College Community News*, Summer 2008.

I look forward to meeting with you in my office any time after 3: p.m. on Tuesday, September 2, 2008. In the meantime, please phone Kathy Oswald or me if you have any questions, comments or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Fallo", with a large, sweeping flourish above it.

Thomas M. Fallo  
Superintendent/President

TMF/kao

Cc: Vice Presidents, Provost, Community Relations



## EL CAMINO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

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September 2, 2008

Members of the Board of Trustees  
El Camino Community College District

The Final 2008-09 Budget is presented for consideration at the public hearing scheduled for September 2, 2008. The assumptions and recommendations contained herein were established after consultation with the Vice Presidents and Planning and Budget Committee.

As of this writing, the State of California remains without a budget for 2008-09. While there is considerable uncertainty regarding upcoming State revenue funding, we are also faced with property tax and ERAF shortfalls totaling some \$3 million for the past year. At present, there is no guarantee that the State will backfill these property tax shortfalls. Thus the Final Budget assumes:

1. No cost of living increases.
2. Salaries are based on current staff patterns plus funding required for additional course offerings.
3. Certain operational costs are budgeted at last year's appropriations, while others have been reduced by 5%.
4. While this budget requires a draw down of reserves by \$4 million, it still maintains a reserve above the minimum 5% level recommended by the State.

Attention is called to the \$3 million budgeted as projected revenue in the College's Special Projects Fund (page 12 of the budget document). At present, due to the State budget situation, budgeted expenditures in this fund have been placed on hold. This hold status will remain until the State budget is passed; trailer bill legislation for the backfill of the property tax shortfall is approved, and the impact of those actions on our College are analyzed. Depending on these outcomes, the operational cost reductions referred to above (item 3) may also be restored in part or in full.

Expenditure requests for the Special Projects Funds have been diligently prepared by the units, tied to the unit plan (developed in PlanBuilder) and carefully reviewed by the Vice Presidents and the Planning and Budget Committee. Those recommendations have been received. Once the State's budget issues are resolved, recommendations will be presented to the Board for this Special Projects Fund. This is the same process as last year.

We remain optimistic that our FTES will continue to improve and the College will attain a FTES level that will result in our full payback of our previous summer borrowing.

#### HIGHLIGHTS – GENERAL FUND UNRESTRICTED

1. Hired 23 full time replacement faculty
2. Filled management positions of the Vice President – Administrative Services, Chief of Police, Police Lieutenant, and appointed interim associate deans of Academic Affairs, Humanities and an interim director of Nursing.
3. Funded 18 vacant classified positions. Recruitment for eight of these positions is in process.
4. Includes salaries for the Compton Center Police Department.
5. Provides for 300 additional class sections across the academic year.
6. No salary increases are built into the budget.
7. Funds are provided to support the Facilities Master Plan projects and scheduled maintenance matching funds.
8. Reduced supply and operating expense budgets more than \$500,000, which may be restored if the State of California backfills prior-year property tax revenues.
9. Medical premiums are budgeted at a 7.5% increase which may be adjusted when the district's insurance companies announce the actual renewal rates. Utilities are budgeted at a 5% increase.

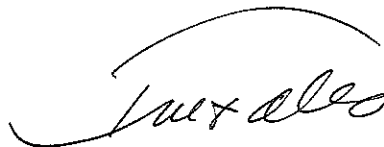
Changes to the Tentative Budget are indicated in the following listing.

	Tentative Budget	Final Budget	Change
I. <u>Income</u>			
Federal Revenue	\$ 185,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 15,000
State Revenue	72,069,187	72,029,187	-40,000
Local Income			
Police Department Services	0	1,091,438	1,091,438
Other Local Income	<u>34,847,000</u>	<u>34,849,243</u>	<u>2,243</u>
Total	\$107,101,187	\$108,169,868	\$1,068,681
II. <u>Expenditures</u>			
Academic Salaries	\$ 48,560,675	\$ 49,963,774	\$1,403,099
Classified Salaries	24,934,157	25,552,342	618,185
Employee Benefits	18,197,597	18,270,313	72,716
Books and Supplies	1,542,422	1,540,422	0
Other Operating Expenses	10,654,674	10,654,674	0
Capital Outlay	493,662	493,662	0
Interfund Transfers	<u>5,720,000</u>	<u>5,720,000</u>	<u>0</u>
Total	\$110,101,187	\$112,195,187	\$2,094,000

#### HIGHLIGHTS – OTHER FUNDS

1. Student Financial Aid Fund includes Federal Financial Aid awards for Compton Center students.
2. Workers' Compensation Fund includes insurance premium increase of 8.4%.

Sincerely,



Thomas M. Fallo  
Superintendent/President

TMF/kao

CC: Vice Presidents, Provost, Director of Community Relations

The Daily Breeze, August 16, 2008

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON  
THE BUDGET OF EL CAMINO  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT  
OF LOS ANGELES

The governing board of El Camino Community College District will hold a public hearing on the proposed budget of the District for the year ending June 30, 2009, prior to final adoption as required by California Code of Regulations.

The public hearing will be held at El Camino Community College in the District Board Room, Administration Building, on September 2, 2008, at 4:00 p.m. The public is cordially invited to attend this meeting.

The proposed budget will be on file and available for public inspection at the following location should members of the community wish to view it: El Camino College, Office of the Vice President of Administrative Services, Administration Building AD 106, from August 18, 2008, to September 2, 2008, during business hours 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Pub.: August 16, 2008

OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT  
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AREA  
September 2, 2008

To: Thomas M. Fallo

Subject: Change Order – Parking Structure

The Parking Structure and Athletic Facilities Project contains within its scope the construction of a signalized intersection where Stadium Way intersects with Redondo Beach Blvd. The new intersection will allow both ingress and egress for westbound and eastbound traffic on Redondo Beach Blvd. The ingress and egress will be controlled with traffic signals. The current intersection only allows exiting to westbound Redondo Beach Blvd. and is not controlled by a traffic signal. Redondo Beach Blvd. is a County of Los Angeles highway and modifications to it must be approved by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works (LACDPW).

The architectural firm, International Parking Design (IPD), was commissioned to perform the necessary design work for the intersection along with the design of the parking structure and athletic facilities. A series of design drawings submittals and response comments from LACDPW began in August 2006 and continued until approval of design was obtained in July 2008. In all, five design drawings submittals were made.

The construction documents were issued for public bid and bidding closed on December 13, 2007. Included in the construction documents were intersection drawings that did not include LACDPW's most recent comments and requirements. These comments and requirements were significant in the scope of the design and the ultimate cost. Some of the items not included were: increased concrete thickness for curbs and gutters, added sidewalk, added retaining wall, storm drain lines, concrete paving in lieu of asphalt, and the requirement to repave to the center meridian rather than only the northern most westbound lane. As additional design drawings were submitted, LACDPW continued to increase its requirements, which increased the cost of the work. The result of these LACDPW-required changes total \$614,000. An independent, third-party review has validated the change order details.

IPD's failure to obtain timely approval of the intersection drawings and its failure to incorporate known LACDPW requirements in its bid documents may have caused the District to incur additional cost to have the work performed. Independent, third-parties are currently reviewing this matter. The District intends to hold IPD responsible for any additional cost that can be attributable to these actions.



Jo Ann Higdon, Vice President  
Administrative Services



### Special Services Professional Proposal

Several positions in the Community Advancement Division are filled with Special Services Professionals (SSPs). They are key players in the leadership of the Business Training Services but are not considered part of the District's management team. Many people on campus have little knowledge of these employees and how they serve the needs of the District. While some may have specialized knowledge they do not meet the definition of "professional expert" which was the basis used to establish this category of employee. One member of the Community Advancement team, the Director of the CITD is a district manager but others doing similar work are not.

Reasons for maintaining the SSP category for this purpose are:

1. The ability to fill positions in a timely manner.
2. With one year contracts, if someone is not performing, they can be released with a 10 day notice.
3. If the grant money ran out, the position would end.

These concerns can be addressed in other ways. We can create management hiring procedures with the necessary flexibility to meet short timelines. If we create unique classifications for each position and the grant funding that supports these positions disappears, so will the position. A strong evaluation process can address poor performance.

Recommendation:

Directors of Workplace Learning, Small Business Development, Center for Applied Competitive Technologies, Contract & Community Education, and Workforce Development be reinstated as management positions. These are critical positions to the success of the Community Advancement division and provide oversight to a variety of programs and services in the name of the District.

Action:

Reinstate the job description for the Director of Small Business Services at the September board meeting and begin an immediate recruitment to fill the position.

Prepare revised position descriptions for the remaining directors and reinstate the positions at the October board meeting.



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July 22, 2008

Dr. Thomas Fallo  
Superintendent/President  
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Dear President Fallo:

Dr. Donald Averill, Chancellor, San Bernardino Community College District, has been appointed as team chair for the accreditation visit to El Camino College scheduled for Monday, October 6-Thursday, October 9, 2008. If you are aware of any matter that could affect the ability of this individual to serve in this capacity, please let me know as soon as possible.

We are in the process of constructing a team and will provide you with a team roster as soon as we have completed our selections.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barbara A. Beno".

Barbara A. Beno, Ph.D.  
President

BAB/tl

cc: Dr. Francisco Arce, Accreditation Liaison Officer

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Board".



# NEWSLETTER

Volume 20 • Number 9

August 21, 2008

## President's

*"The mission of El Camino College is to meet the educational needs of our diverse community and ensure student success by offering quality, comprehensive educational opportunities."*

### Welcome Back!

Welcome to El Camino College's 2008-09 academic year! With so much happening on our campus, we look forward to a prosperous year for all.

The continuing facilities improvements over the summer months is quite evident; as are the facilities projects continuing throughout the fall and spring semesters. Your patience is appreciated as we work to create a campus even more conducive to student learning and success.

As this new academic year begins, we anticipate meeting new friends, greeting longtime colleagues, and working together to meet the educational needs of our students and our community. Thank you for your continued dedication to this mission that guides our college and all that we do.

### State/ECC Budget News

Our El Camino College budget is scheduled to be presented to the Board of Trustees for adoption at the regular meeting scheduled for September 2. The final state budget for 2008-09, however, has not been approved. If the Legislature and Governor have approved a final budget for the state prior to our September 2 Board meeting, we will have a more complete picture of ECC's final budget.

Following the adoption of the 2008-09 state budget, we will be closely watching the budget trailer bill to ascertain whether or not we will receive funds to backfill the \$3 million loss ECC experienced due to the 2007-08 property tax shortfall.

### Accreditation - Final Report

After much reporting, research, and writing, our accreditation cycle will conclude in October 2008. Our final report is complete, posted to the web, and has been sent to the Accrediting Commission Visitation Team members, with the team visit scheduled for October.

Our Accreditation Self-Study reports and defines the planning and operations of our campus. This document will be the

blueprint for the standards to which we will hold ourselves today and into the future as we continue to serve our students.

### Campus Upgrades: Safety and Security

Numerous safety and security upgrades have been completed and/or are in progress across campus. Implementing safety projects approved by the El Camino College Board of Trustees in April 2007, these improvements include:

- Installation of high resolution, video surveillance cameras
- Regular lighting maintenance program across campus
- Constant inspection of the 30 Code Blue Police Emergency phones
- Creation of infrastructure for e-mail and text messages regarding emergencies
- New campuswide telephone system to offer greater communication opportunities, including "Broadcast Voice Call" which instantly turns every phone on campus into a loudspeaker to make emergency announcements

In other campus facilities news, please note that parking on campus will be lim-

ited this semester.

Volunteer faculty and staff will be parking at 17772 Hawthorne Boulevard (south of the South Bay Galleria) for the first four weeks of the semester. El Camino College parking permits are required and vehicles must be parked in the marked areas.

A free shuttle between the college and the parking area will be available from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday-Friday. Shuttles run every 30 minutes.

We are also proud to announce the official grand opening of the college's new central plant. This two-story building located on the north side of Murdock Stadium is designed to supply the entire campus with chilled and hot water, creating an energy-efficient system that also brings significant cost savings, and has a very small carbon footprint.

## Fresh New Food Choices on Campus

We are pleased to welcome Campus Food Services, Inc. as the college's new food service provider. Offering fresh food selections daily, the company will also provide catering services for the campus.

Take some time to meet on-site manager Charles Siri. His office is located on the second level in the Bookstore Building and he can be reached at ext. 3390 or 3391 or by e-mail at [csiri@elcamino.edu](mailto:csiri@elcamino.edu). Additionally, Ty Yu will coordinate and provide the district's catering services. He can be contacted at ext. 3390 or 3391, or by e-mail: [tyu@elcamino.edu](mailto:tyu@elcamino.edu).

Please initiate an on-line requisition for all catering services. Campus Food Services, Inc. has been assigned vendor number 683570.

Charles and Ty bring their vast culinary experiences to El Camino College and promise to provide new and exciting food options and a variety of changes to our campus. Welcome!

## Welcome New Bond Oversight Committee Members

We thank our new Bond Oversight Committee members, who are charged with reviewing and reporting the expenditures for Measure E, the \$394.5 million bond approved by voters in November 2002.

**Richard Montgomery** is a local business owner in Manhattan Beach and is the mayor pro-tem of Manhattan Beach. The foundation representative to the committee, he is a 20-year resident with a long and dedicated history of service to the City of Manhattan Beach.

**Frances Mullen** is the community representative to the committee, and an active member of the Torrance Rotary Club, where she has held many leadership positions, including president. She is also a longtime member of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

**Richard Browning** is a licensed contractor who has worked on projects with federal, state, and city governments. In the community, he is on the Torrance Planning Commission, and has served on the Torrance Airport Commission as a member and chairman.

### CAMPUS CALENDAR

#### August

- 21 Flex Day
- 23 Fall 2008 Semester Begins

#### September

- 1 Labor Day Holiday  
(Campus Closed)
- 2 Board of Trustees Meeting  
First Day to Apply for Fall  
Graduation and Certificates
- 5 Last Day to Drop and be  
Eligible for a Refund  
Add Period Ends
- 18 Holiday Season Job Fair
- 19 Last Day to Drop without  
Note on Permanent Record



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# Assembly California Legislature



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El Camino College, President  
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MERVYN M. DYMALLY  
ASSEMBLYMEMBER, FIFTY-SECOND DISTRICT

Dear Dr. Thomas Fallo,

Re: ACR 69: The Legislative Task Force on the Future of Compton College

I am pleased to inform you that as a result of your position you have been designated as a member of the above named task force.

The main purpose of the resolution is to regain accreditation for Compton College. The resolution permits you to name an alternate in the event there is a conflict with your schedule.

However, because of the importance of this issue as it relates to the future of the college, it is my hope that you will be an active participant. ACR 69 calls for the State Special Trustee to convene the first meeting.

You will hear from Mr. Peter Lansberger the Sate Special Trustee soon. In the meantime, if you have any questions about the initial meeting, please call or write Mr. Landsberger at the following address:

Special Trustee, Compton College  
1111 E. Artesia Blvd  
Compton, Ca 90221  
310-900-1600 x2000

Or you can call Ms. Leticia Vasquez at my office at 310-223-1201.

I look forward to your participation.

With Very Best Wishes,

52<sup>nd</sup> District

Attachment: ACR 69

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BILL NUMBER: ACR 69      CHAPTERED  
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RESOLUTION CHAPTER 77  
FILED WITH SECRETARY OF STATE JULY 8, 2008  
ADOPTED IN SENATE JUNE 30, 2008  
ADOPTED IN ASSEMBLY APRIL 7, 2008  
AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY APRIL 3, 2008  
AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY MARCH 13, 2008  
AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY FEBRUARY 26, 2008

INTRODUCED BY Assembly Member Dymally  
(Principal coauthor: Assembly Member Price)

JULY 18, 2007

Relative to the Compton Community College District.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 69, Dymally. Compton Community College: Task Force on the Future of Compton Community College.

This measure would request that the Task Force on the Future of Compton Community College be established. The measure would request the Special Trustee of the Compton Community College District to convene, and serve as the permanent chairperson of, the task force, and would specify the persons who would be invited to participate in the meetings of the task force. The measure would authorize the special trustee to organize the task force into various groups to review specified topics. The measure would request the task force to prepare a report discussing specified topics, and to transmit copies of that report, with any accompanying comments it deems appropriate, to the Governor, the Speaker of the Assembly, and the Senate Committee on Rules.

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring, That the Legislature requests that the Task Force on the Future of Compton Community College be established; and be it further

Resolved, That the Special Trustee of the Compton Community College District is requested to convene, and serve as the permanent chairperson of, the Task Force on the Future of Compton Community College. All of the following, or their respective designees, shall be invited to participate in the meetings of the task force:

- (a) From Compton Community College:
  - (1) The Provost of the College.
  - (2) The President of the Board of Trustees.
  - (3) The President of the Faculty Senate.
  - (4) The President of the Advisory Board.
  - (5) The Student Body President.
  - (6) The chief executive officer of the local affiliate of the union representing the faculty members of the college.
  - (7) The chief executive officer of the local affiliate of the

union representing the classified employees of the college.

(8) A former member of the Board of Trustees.

(b) Local elected officials:

(1) The City Attorney of Compton.

(2) The Mayor of Compton.

(3) The Mayor of Lynwood.

(4) The Mayor of Paramount.

(c) Community representatives:

(1) A resident from the City of Lynwood.

(2) A resident from the City of Paramount.

(3) President of Pastors for Compton.

(4) President of the Compton Chamber of Commerce.

(5) President of the Citizens Committee for Compton College.

(d) Academicians:

(1) President of the Charles Drew University of Medicine and Science.

(2) President of El Camino College.

(3) President of California State University, Dominguez Hills.

(4) Chancellor of the Los Angeles Community College District.

(5) Superintendent of the Compton Unified School District.

(6) Superintendent of the Lynwood Unified School District.

(7) Superintendent of the Paramount Unified School District.

(e) The Compton Community College District advisory committee specified in paragraph (5) of subdivision (f) of Section 71093. Advisory committee members shall also be members of the task force and share in the responsibilities of the task force; and be it further

Resolved, That the Special Trustee of the Compton Community College District is authorized to organize the task force into various groups to review, among others, the following topics:

(a) Accreditation.

(b) Campus buildings, standards, property, and construction.

(c) Collective bargaining of staff and faculty.

(d) Curriculum and library services.

(e) Faculty and staff accountability and governance.

(f) Fiscal management.

(g) Safety and security.

(h) Student enrollment, services, rights, and governance; and be it further

Resolved, That the task force is requested to prepare a report that shall include, but not necessarily be limited to, a discussion of all of the following:

(a) Development of a plan to restore full accreditation to the college.

(b) A report on comments from the public received when at least one seminar on the history of the accreditation crisis at Compton Community College is held in each city the area of which forms a part of the Compton Community College District.

(c) The designing of a plan to increase enrollment at Compton Community College.

(d) Recommendations for changes in the curricula offered by Compton Community College.

(e) Recommendations for involving interested parties inside and outside of the Compton Community College District in strengthening the operations of the college.

(f) The setting of a timetable for the restoration of the powers of the Board of Trustees of the Compton Community College District.

(g) Any other recommendations for the future of Compton Community College deemed appropriate by the task force; and be it further

Resolved, Members of the task force shall serve as volunteers, and shall not receive any compensation or reimbursement for expenses they incur while serving on the task force; and be it further

Resolved, That the Compton Community College District is requested to provide staff for the operations of the task force; and be it further

Resolved, That the Task Force on the Future of Compton Community College is requested to transmit copies of its report, with any accompanying comments it deems appropriate, to the Governor, the Speaker of the Assembly, and the Senate Committee on Rules; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the author and to the Special Trustee of the Compton Community College District for appropriate distribution.





# Learning Resources Unit

**August 19, 2008**

**To: Dr. Francisco Arce**

**From: Alice Grigsby, Learning Resources**

**Re: Library Hours – Saturday August 23<sup>rd</sup>**

The goal of the Learning Resources Unit is to provide quality services to the El Camino College Community. One of the ways this goal is fulfilled is by being open an average of 67 hours per week with scheduled hours from Monday through Saturday. During the semester breaks the building is closed because of the requirement that a librarian be present to provide services. The faculty librarians are not employed during this break period.

Traditionally, during the first weekend of the semester that begins on a Saturday the library building is not open. The reasons are several:

- .Number of users extremely limited. At least six employees including a librarian are required to open the building and have persons at each service counter.

- .Saturday hours are provided by part-time librarians. This year, that budget item was cut by 5%.

The Library building will be opened on Saturday, August 30th and all subsequent Saturdays whenever classes are scheduled.

# **The Daily Breeze**

August 15, 2008

## **Friday's Letters to the Editor**

Article Launched: 08/14/2008 09:25:31 PM PDT

### **TUSD proposal falls short**

Let me praise the Torrance Unified School District Board of Education for including a historic first repair-and-replacement reserve in its latest bond measure proposal. The reserve will be funded by transferring three-tenths of 1 percent of the annual cost-of-living adjustment when the adjustment is 3 percent or more over the previous year - repeated annually for 10 times. I'm pleased to see maintenance funded from property taxes we already pay.

While a step in the right direction, the proposal falls short because of the artificial limit in both amount and duration of transfers, leaving the fund woefully undersized for the need. At best, \$6 million is reserved, or about 1 percent of the \$600 million valuation of our school facilities.

State-mandated annual spending of \$1 million hasn't kept up with maintenance. How will such a tiny sum maintain the improvements?

Ideally, the reserve should be funded every year taxpayers are retiring indebtedness. Compared to 40 years needed to retire the bonds, 10 annual transfers are insufficient. And requiring the cost-of-living adjustment to exceed 3 percent before transfer makes funding less reliable and places pay raises above maintenance when both should be on par because students need both good teachers and quality facilities.

Regrettably, the current proposal jettisons another historic first achieved with the last bond passed a decade ago - bond terms limited to the time a student spends in school, or 12 years - keeping kids from being saddled with the debt their parents voted for. In less than five years, that bond will be completely paid off.

A better proposal would have both an adequate reserve and a short repayment period. Salvaging this one requires either cutting the term of the bonds or increasing the number of the transfers. It's necessary protection against wasteful spending.

- G. RICK MARSHALL

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## **Rodney Murray Appointed Dean of Vocational Education at Compton Center**

*Longtime teacher at college plans to expand program*

**By Cheryl Scott**  
Bulletin Staff Writer

"Vocational education has always been a mainstay at the college," said Rodney Murray, Compton College's new Dean of Vocational Education. "In my position . . . I'm looking forward to putting together a multipronged approach that will add new classes and serve the business community as well."

Murray was recently appointed dean after teaching business courses for 14 years. He submitted an application for the position when it was posted for the third time. "They've tried to fill it three times," Murray said. "When I saw it was still open, I decided to go for it."

Since the reorganization of the college as the El Camino Compton Center, the vocational program has been in transition as well.

"We have several things that need to be done right away," he said. "First we have to make sure our current certification programs are up and running. We also need to strengthen our community outreach and recruiting in our feeder schools. Finally, we need to find emerging technology and incorporate it into our program. It's a lot to do, but it's very exciting, and I'm looking forward to re-energizing our vocational program."

An advisory board representing industry in the community is being formed to help the college add new courses that will lead to jobs that will provide a livable salary.

"You don't just want to get a job," Murray said. "You want to get a job that will pay well enough for you to live on and provide opportunities for advancement. So we're going out to industry and asking what they need in the way of new employees. Then we can provide training for the community-at-large that will fill the needs of business, helping to provide economic stimulus in Compton."

The city of Compton has been using a "rebirth" strategy to bring in more retail and residential development, which has resulted in unprecedented growth.

"What the college will be doing as part of that strategy is finding out about new technology that offers well paid positions to properly trained workers," he said. "For instance, robotics is an exciting new field with work available for technicians trained in the field. Not only is this an area

that is opening up and expanding right now, but it is a field in which someone with entry-level training will be exposed to technological opportunities that require more education and training. Someone working in assembly may enjoy the technology and decide to go back to school to become an engineer.”

The college is also focusing on the “green” industry.

“We are making sure our vocational program meets needs in that field,” Murray said. “There are lots of new products that help people to be more environmentally responsible. It’s a field that is growing rapidly, so if we can offer the right programs, it can lead to well paid jobs that will only get more available in the upcoming years.”

The college has also started up its emergency medical technician program again, with two classes already filled. The program was stopped for a time because of strict health and safety requirements it was not meeting.

“We’ve got that under control now,” said Murray. “This is another field in which specialized training is offered beyond basic certification, so we plan to add more courses in the near future.”

Murray says the last few troubled years at the college are “water under the bridge.” Three years into the relationship with El Camino Community College, the center is focusing on laying the foundation for its reaccreditation.

“Our vocational education program is aiming at readiness for accreditation in two years,” he said. “We’re part of the whole picture. We’re just one part that’ll help us get there.”

According to reports from both El Camino College and the Compton Community College District, reaccreditation is going to be a long process and could take as long as 10 years. But the college has to start somewhere, and working toward getting each department ready in less time is an effective strategy.

“We are thinking big,” Murray said. “But we have great confidence we can get it done. We’re going to use everything we have to achieve our goal of expanding the vocational education program. We’re going to partner with the business community to provide both soft and hard skills that are needed. We will provide training for all those skills here. We have a great team and we’re all focused on this effort.”

“We have every confidence in Professor Murray,” said Lawrence Cox, the newly appointed provost of the college. “We are certain the new energy and insight he will bring to the position of dean will serve the college very well. We’re confident he will be very successful in his efforts.”

## **Press Telegram**

### **El Camino-Compton registration under way**

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#### **COMPTON**

Students planning to attend El Camino College Compton Center this fall can register in the Student Lounge today through Sept. 5.

Registration will take place Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. and on Friday from 8a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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## **Charter school is no shop class**

### **EDUCATION: New Millennium School to focus on technology.**

By Melissa Pamer, Staff Writer

When Carson's first new school in years begins classes next month, the campus will be a teenager's dream.

It's in a shopping mall.

New Millennium Secondary School, which will welcome its initial freshman class in September, will be at the Southbay Pavilion, between JCPenney and Chuck E. Cheese.

"Most parents worry that if their kids skip school, they go to the mall," said Carson resident Tony Thomas, who will have a daughter and a grandson at the campus in a few weeks. "Now my kid is already in the mall."

Thomas, a Carson activist who has helped the school reach out to local churches to find prospective students, asked school administrators Monday how they would ensure his children's safety.

Students will not be allowed in the shopping area during the school day, Principal Donna Hackner assured Thomas. She pointed to stringent campus security measures, which include 21 video cameras.

Anyway, despite the school's unusual site, shopping isn't on the agenda.

The technology-focused independent charter school, which was approved by the Los Angeles Unified School District in June after being in the planning stage for almost two years, will offer a college preparatory curriculum.

Through the charter's partnerships with Santa Monica College and nearby California State University, Dominguez Hills, students will be able to take college classes. And, if they complete the necessary requirements and graduate, they'll be guaranteed admission to CSUDH.

"This is such an opportunity for children in Carson," said Hackner, who was recruited to the school from the Los Angeles County Office of Education, where she trained teachers and administrators to use educational technology.

"Some students just don't do well in a big school. This is an alternative," Hackner said.

The school is one of two similarly named charter high schools in Carson that were given permission by LAUSD to open in the coming school year. The other school, Millennium Charter High School, which promised a hip-hop-infused curriculum, recently agreed to change its name, New Millennium Executive Director Tony Kline said.

The status of that school could not be confirmed because one phone number listed for the school was disconnected and a message left at a second listed number was not returned.

The philosophy of New Millennium, which has received more than \$1 million in grants in the past year from the foundations of former Los Angeles Mayor Richard Riordan and others, comes from a desire to counter the United States' slipping global competitiveness academically, Kline said.

The United States came in 15th of 46 nations in eighth-grade math performance in the Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study in 2003, the most recent year for which such data is available.

"Math is the one (score) we were most scared of because it tends to be tied to innovation," Kline said.

As with all charter schools, there's no charge for tuition at New Millennium. Unlike magnet programs, to which students must apply and be accepted based on academic criteria, charter schools may not "cream" top students. Admission will be based on a lottery if more than 150 students apply.

As of this week, about 130 students from 26 middle schools have registered for the 150 ninth-grade spaces, Kline said. About three-quarters of the students are black, and most of the remaining students are Latino, along with a handful of Filipinos and whites, Kline said.

This summer the school spent more than \$35,000 on advertising to garner interest, he said.

Parent Gail Chatman was hooked as soon as a friend tipped her off to a newspaper ad.

"From that point on, I was blown away," she said Monday as she toured the campus with her 14-year-old son and future student Joshua, who was quick to ask about basketball.

(The school will have a team that will practice at Victoria Community Regional Park.)

Since the school took over the former site of Maric College last month, the 22,000-square-foot space has been undergoing last-minute renovations while the school's eight teachers - who were hired from a pool of 250 applicants and are receiving higher pay than at their previous jobs - work on lesson plans and staff set up desks in empty classrooms.

They're preparing for something of an experiment that stems from a more than a year of research by Kline and co-founder Rebecca Bunn, head of the Riordan Foundation, at high-achieving

charter schools around the country. Kline hopes New Millennium will eventually be a model for other local campuses.

High expectations are part of the plan, Kline said. New Millennium's school day will last from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., longer than traditional public schools. An after-school program will be offered until 6p.m. each day. And the campus will have 190 instructional days, two weeks more than LAUSD offers.

"If we had it our way, it would be 220 (days), but that might have been a shock to 15-year-olds," said Kline, who was most recently deputy chairman of the Frank and Kathy Baxter Foundation, which gave \$180,000 toward the school.

The school will offer each student a laptop - after they've proved themselves to be sufficiently responsible in the first semester. Tests will be given on computers to speed up the grading process and help teachers more quickly retool their lesson plans in response to student needs. Many classes will use "response clickers," like those used in "Jeopardy!", so that instructors can monitor student comprehension.

More than \$250,000 has been spent on servers and wireless systems.

The school is able to afford all this because, Kline said, "We just cut all the fat off."

The charter has only four nonteaching employees and no football team or band to fund.

"Not to call a football team 'fat,' but it's not helping us compete against Beijing," Kline said.

The school has also been helped by its mall location, which Hackner said was a "godsend."

Many charters have trouble finding adequate facilities that are up to code for educational purposes, or they must spend a lot of money on upgrades. New Millennium officials said they got lucky with the Southbay Pavilion site, which was largely ready to go because it had served as a college since 2000.

The mall's management has also been pleased with the move, which was solidified last month with a 10-year lease agreement.

The two parties have worked together to make sure students are safe and not disruptive to mall activities, said Sharron King, Southbay Pavilion general manager.

"Hopefully we'll be able to make sure the students only go to Chuck E. Cheese at an appropriate time," King said.





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