# Special Meeting Board of Trustees Coast Community College District

Date: Monday, March 9, 2015

**Location: Coast Community College District** 

Board Conference Room 1370 Adams Avenue

Costa Mesa, California 92626

Time: 8:45 a.m.

# AGENDA ITEMS

- 1.01 Call to Order
- 1.02 Roll Call

## 1.03 Opportunity for Public Comment

Members of the public have the opportunity to address the Board of Trustees on any item that has been described in this notice, before or during consideration of the item. Persons wishing to make comments are allowed 5 minutes. A "Request to Address the Board of Trustees" card needs to be completed and filed with the Secretary of the Board of Trustees prior to speaking.

### 1.04 Recess to Closed Session

The following items will be discussed in Closed Session:

- (a) Public Employment (Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b)(1))

  Position: Vice Chancellor, Human Resources
- (b) Conference with Labor Negotiator
   (Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6)
   Unrepresented Employee: Vice Chancellor of Human Resources

Agency Negotiators: Trustee Lorraine Prinsky, Board President, and Dr.

Richard A. Jones, Interim Chancellor



- 1.06 Approval of Letter Supporting Assembly Bill 288 (Holden) College and Career Access Pathways Attachment #1
- 1.07 Review, Discussion and Possible Action on Process for Chancellor Recruitment
- 1.08 Report of Action from Closed Session (if any)
- 1.09 Adjournment

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The Honorable Assembly Member Jose Medina Chair, Assembly Higher Education Committee Assembly Higher Education Committee 1020 N Street, Room 173 Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 288 (Holden): College and Career Access Pathways-SUPPORT

Dear Assembly Member Medina:

On behalf of the Coast Community College District and its three colleges—Coastline, Golden West, and Orange Coast—we urge you to strongly support AB 288 (Holden): the College and Career Access Pathways (CCAP) Act. This bill is the vehicle for important concurrent enrollment policy changes that will make it possible for students from all backgrounds to have early access to college preparation in order to prevent them from going into remediation courses and increases their persistence and completion in college.

Many strategies have been identified that have significant positive impact on increasing the numbers of students from underrepresented and low-socioeconomic backgrounds who receive either a BA or an AA degree. One of the most effective of those strategies is dual enrollment, also known as concurrent enrollment. AB 288 reforms concurrent enrollment by removing the statutory barriers that limit many students' access to the program through authorized concurrent enrollment partnership agreements between school districts and community colleges.

Currently, there are several restrictions in place that limit concurrent enrollment access and availability to students who can benefit from these programs. These restrictions include open-course requirements for collegiate courses offered on a high school campus (which are essential for career pathway programs), an 11-unit enrollment cap for the waiver of enrollment fees, and a specification that concurrent enrollment only be available to students that can benefit from advanced scholastic work. AB 288 would create pathways that are uniquely customized to the needs of local student populations, and designed to fill projected labor market demands.

As a community college district serving nearly 50,000 students, we are committed to providing access for all California students to obtain higher education and workforce skills that contribute to their success. As you know, an educated Californian adds to the quality of life and benefits the state and local region with increased wages for workers, decreased social service needs, and a more robust economy. These concurrent enrollment restrictions serve as a barrier to our students' success, as well as a barrier to the success of our state.

AB 288 reduces fiscal penalties and policy roadblocks that discourage the development of concurrent enrollment partnerships. AB 288 would save community college students and the state time, money, and scarce educational resources. The Coast Community College District appreciates your consideration of our support for AB 288. If you or your staff require further information, please do not hesitate to contact us at (714) 438-4848.

Sincerely,

Lorraine Prinsky, Ph.D.
Board of Trustees President
Coast Community College District

CC: Board of Trustees
Richard A. Jones, Ed.D., Interim Chancellor
Lori Adrian, Ph.D., President, Coastline College
Wes Bryan, President, Golden West College
Dennis Harkins, Ph.D., President, Orange Coast College
Juan Gutierrez, Interim District Director of Public Affairs, Marketing and Government Relations

Julie Frazier-Mathews, District Director of the Office of the Board of Trustees/Secretary of the Board

