



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

May 11, 2017

Chancellor Eloy Ortiz Oakley
California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office
1102 Q Street
Sacramento, CA 95811

Dear Chancellor Oakley:

As you well know, California Community Colleges have been at the forefront of online education in California. The system has significantly expanded the number of online courses offered to students and made technology available in innovative ways that actually increase the chances of students achieving their goals.

I believe it is time now for our community colleges to increase even further the availability of online courses and degree programs -- and make college far more accessible and affordable.

With the above in mind, I am asking you to take whatever steps are necessary to establish a new community college that -- exclusively -- offers fully online degree programs. By building on the system's existing efforts that foster student success, I am confident that the community college system can develop fully online programs which will genuinely help students.

I urge you to act with dispatch and create a plan to design and deploy a fully online college, and submit it to my office by November 2017.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Edmund G. Brown Jr.", is written over the printed name.

Edmund G. Brown Jr.

cc Cecilia Estolano, President, Board of Governors, California Community Colleges