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Principles for a Statewide Coordinating Entity

The California Community College Trustees (CCCT) and Chief Executive Officers of California Community Colleges (CEOCCC) who comprise the Community College League of California (the League), declare the following principles as essential and necessary tenets for any statewide education coordinating entity approved and formed by the Administration and Legislature.

A statewide education coordinating entity should:

- Recognize and maintain local-decision making and institutional autonomy, while pursuing opportunities for intersegmental partnerships and collaboration.
- Respect institutional, regional, and community diversity, as well as governing structures that sustain local and regional support of higher education.
- Consistently ensure proper representation and an equitable voice of members and institutional experts from each sector and/or educational institution.
- Advocate for all of higher education system rather than for individual institutional interests.
- Employ a long-term, data-informed perspective on the needs of the state and education sector as a whole.
- Avoid inappropriate political imposition in decision-making concerning state appropriations, new programs, campuses and facilities.
- Provide a means outside the political process of the state legislature to resolve differences among institutions on issues such as mission, scope, facilities, funding and academic program development.
- Maintain secure statewide data/information systems on enrollment, academic programs, student progression, and facilities that support the missions and goals of the state's educational institutions.
- Support efforts and investments in financial aid resources that meet students' access and success needs.
- Provide a source of objective analysis to the governor and state legislature on critical issues facing the state.