

# AB 19 – Promise Grant/Promise Program

- Legislation establishes the “California College Promise”
- Change in name only from Board of Governors Fee Waiver (BOGW) to the California College Promise Grant (CCPG)
  - The qualifications are the same:
    - Qualify as a recipient of public assistance
    - Qualify based on # of family members and prior year’s income
    - File the FAFSA and qualify based on having at least \$1 of unmet need
- *Undocumented students should file the CA Dream Act application which waives enrollment fees*

# AB 19 ...

- Provision of new funding to enable colleges to:
  - Increase the number and percentage of **high school students who are prepared for and attend college directly from high school**
  - Increase the percentage of high school graduates who are placed directly into **transfer-level mathematics and English courses** at a community college
  - Increase the percentage of students who earn **associate degrees** or career technical education **certificates**
  - Increase the percentage of students who successfully **transfer** from a community college to a **California State University or the University of California**

- Reduce and eliminate regional achievement gaps and achievement gaps for students from groups that are underrepresented at California Community Colleges, including, but not limited to
  - Underrepresented students
  - Low-income students
  - Students who are current or former foster youth
  - Students with disabilities
  - Formerly incarcerated students
  - Undocumented and AB 540 students
  - Students who are Veterans

# The Confusion

- Some community colleges are offering “deals” that entice students to enroll billed as “first year free”
- Mt. SAC’s research confirmed close to 80% of students qualify for a fee waiver and the remaining 20% of students can afford the \$46/unit fees
- Nearly all incoming freshmen from high schools already qualify for the fee waiver or the California Dream Act

# Mt. SAC's "Promise + Plus [Pilot] Program"

- The vast majority of students qualify for a fee waiver and/or the Pell grant. Mt. SAC will continue to focus on having all students apply through FAFSA or the Dream Act
- Mt. SAC's plan is to offer additional supports for students through book vouchers, other financial assistance, laptop loaner program, etc.
- Pilot 2019-20

# Proposed Pilot of Promise + Plus Program (Fall 2019)

For new, first time, first year college students who:

- Apply to Mt SAC for Summer or Fall
- Complete FAFSA, Promise Grant or CA Dream Act
- Complete AQ
- Complete MAP Counseling workshop
- Complete an educational plan prior to registration
- If enrolled in high school for 2018-19, complete the Connect 4 Program\*\*
- Complete either Summer STEP to College Program or Summer Bridge Program in summer 2019
- Enroll as a full time student (minimum of 12 units each semester)\*\*
- Enroll in English and/or Math for Fall 2019

\*\* unless special circumstances

# *What do you get? [What is “promised”?]*

FREE loaner laptop for the semester

FREE \$250 book grant

FREE bus pass 24/7 on Foothill Transit lines

FREE \$75 on-campus food card

FREE Mt. SAC Promise+Plus shirt

FREE Student Success Seminars, Peer Coaching, Study Groups and Priority Registration

Same benefits for Spring 2020: additional \$250 book grant, additional \$75 on-campus food card IF STUDENT COMPLETES ALL COURSES WITH A SEMESTER GPA OF 2.00 OR HIGHER