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May 14, 2019

Chancellor Eloy Ortiz Oakley
California Community Colleges
Chancellor's Office
1102 Q Street, 6th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95811

Dear Chancellor Oakley:

On behalf of the San Diego Community College District, we are writing to express our deep concerns about the structure and impact of the new DSPS funding formula. The simulated DSPS allocations for 2019-2020 published by the Chancellor's Office show some colleges receiving increases to their allocations in excess of **320%** compared to a prior 10-year average of approximately 114%. In addition, the minimum funding guarantee level has been modified from 95% of the prior year, to 90% of the prior year's funding. The net result is that many colleges are receiving significant losses in funding, while others receive inordinate increases. This wide range of variance in funding will destabilize some DSPS programs at the expense of one of our most vulnerable student populations.

On behalf of our Board of Trustees and leadership in the District, we urge you to closely examine the potential impact of the new DSPS funding formula and to consider a growth cap on the distribution of DSPS funds to ensure stability for this important student support program.

Thank you for your immediate attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

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Constance M. Carroll, Ph.D.
Chancellor
San Diego Community College District

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Ricky Shabazz, Ed.D.
President, San Diego City College

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patricia Hsieh".

Patricia Hsieh, Ed.D.
President, San Diego Miramar College

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Pamela T. Luster".

Pamela T. Luster, Ed.D.
President, San Diego Mesa College

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Carlos O. Turner Cortez".

Carlos O. Turner Cortez, Ph.D.
President, San Diego Continuing Education

cc: Dr. Daisy Gonzales, Deputy Chancellor, Academic Affairs, Student Services and Special Programs