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President Deb Daniels greets guests at new building dedication ceremony on August 13th.

Chancellor's Chat News from the District Office

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Greetings!

Happy Thursday:

I hope you are staying as cool as possible during this tremendous heat wave. It is great to see students in our new buildings. I've heard so many positive comments from staff and students about the new facilities. And Measure M is moving ahead at a rapid pace.

The budget process in Sacramento is still at a stalemate. The Governor has a plan to borrow \$2 billion from CalPERS that is making its way through the process. The fear is that no real work will be done to implement a balanced budget and additional borrowing and swapping resources will just continue to worsen the problem.

Keep the faith. I promise to keep you posted as new developments occur.

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Campus ADA Exceeds Standards

Quick Links

[Link to the July 8th Bond Program update presented to the Board of Trustees.](#)

[Link to the District Strategic Plan](#)

[Chancellor's Chat newsletter archive.](#)

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Save the Dates

District Strategic Planning
Friday August 27th, 10:00 a.m. to noon, ATTC 120.

Resource Allocation Committee
Monday, Aug. 30th. 1:00 p.m., PDC 104

At a recent Board meeting we had a discussion about accessibility on the campuses and our desire to go **beyond** what is the legal minimum. I've asked Jason Briscoe, the architect with Steinberg and Associates to provide this example of ADA work taking place at Crafton Hills.

"The access improvements project that we're working on at Crafton Hills College goes beyond the 'code minimum' in several ways that will be very noticeable. In addition to providing universal access for persons with disabilities, the project includes new campus wide lighting and signage systems to ensure that navigating the campus is safe and intuitive for everyone.

Campus drive will include new roadway lighting along its entire length. Parallel parking will be removed and relocated into a new parking structure, eliminating the need for pedestrians to walk along the roadway. Traffic congestion will be minimized through the addition of dedicated turning lanes and wider parking lot driveways.

A series of roadway signs will inform drivers which major buildings are served by each parking lot.

All parking lots will be resurfaced to eliminate potentially hazardous conditions for both vehicles and pedestrians. Accessible parking spaces for the campus will be 'clustered' in those lots closest to campus destinations, eliminating long travel distances and steep elevation changes. Within each of these lots, the overall parking layout will be reconfigured to provide accessible spaces and visitor spaces with direct sidewalk access. New light fixtures are located to provide even illumination throughout the parking area. To avoid future root damage to paving, deep root tree species will replace existing dying parking lot trees. Each lot will receive a self-serve parking pass vending machine, eliminating the need for daily visitors to drive to the center of campus before parking their car.

Directory signs at each lot will provide information to pedestrians entering the campus from each parking lot. The pedestrian path of travel from accessible parking lots to building entries will be improved to eliminate barriers. This includes reconfiguring, removing and replacing many existing sidewalks, ramps, stairs and handrails. Additionally, The pedestrian walkway system will receive new pole mounted light fixtures designed to provide an even level of illumination. The elimination of hot-spots and dark spots is an important factor in creating a safe pedestrian environment.

This project includes the lion's share of accessible routes indicated in the campus master plan. A final phase, concurrent with future expansion of the P.E. Building will provide a direct pathway from the central campus drop-off to the Community Recreation Facility at the top of the hill. Integration of the future building's exterior elevators into the site accessible path of travel will provide the most efficient and direct means of negotiating the steep elevation change between

the two areas.

We have worked closely with DSA during the design of the project and they are currently reviewing the final construction documents. When fully realized, the plan will be a model for accessibility among campuses with similar topographic challenges. Please let me know if you have further questions. "

District Program Review identifies areas for improving service.

The District Office Program Review process of 2009-2010 identified 61 individual objectives for improvement across all areas including DETS, HR, and Business Services. Each item has been prioritized and recommended to the Interim Chancellor. Implementation of the objectives has been ongoing. The 2010-2011 Program Review process will begin shortly. We will keep the District community informed of what has been implemented during the school year.

Please take a few moments to look at the attached summary of the District Program Review priorities at the following link. [District Program Review priorities.](#)

Spam...and I don't mean the eating type...

A few spam messages made their way into my District e-mailbox last week. I forwarded those emails to the DETS staff and was shocked to learn that our "Barracuda Spam and Virus Firewall" blocks over 2,200 spam emails an hour on average day and night...over 52,000 A DAY! Let's be thankful our firewall is able to block most of those time wasters.

Transfer bill moves through legislature

The Legislature has approved a bill that would require California's community colleges to offer a degree that would guarantee students admission to a California State University campus.

The bill, SB 1440 authored by Sen. Alex Padilla, was approved by the Senate yesterday and sent to Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger.

"SB 1440 will fundamentally change higher education in California," Padilla said in a statement. "SB 1440 will better align our higher education system, saving students time, money and freeing up state resources to serve more students."

The bill requires the community colleges to offer transfer degrees to the CSU that would include **only** those courses required by the four-year university and would guarantee transferring students admission with junior status. Students would have to complete 60 units with a grade point average of at least 2.0.

While seventy-three percent of California college students attend community colleges only 25 percent of those who intend to transfer to four-year universities actually do so. Many students have difficulty with transfer requirements that are confusing and often change, and have difficulty finding the classes they need at the community college they attend.

Let me know how the District Office can help to support you in the important work that you do for our students.

Sincerely,

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