

**San Bernardino Community College District
District Strategic Planning Committee
Purposes of District Strategic Planning**
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A sound, comprehensive District Strategic Plan (DSP) has numerous purposes. Among the most important are the following:

- It provides an integrated framework within which the Board, the District, and the Colleges can work toward coordinated goals over the long term.
- It facilitates effective pursuit of the missions of the District and the Colleges.
- It promotes efficient use of District and College resources in the long term.
- It helps the District and Colleges anticipate challenges and take advantage of opportunities.
- It guides further planning and decision-making at all levels.

The DSP is thus a crucial contributor to the ongoing improvement and continuing success of the District and its Colleges. Developing such a plan is unquestionably the right thing to do for San Bernardino Community College District, and that is the main reason for the establishment of the District Strategic Planning Committee (DSPC).

The secondary and more immediate reason is compliance. The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, recognizing the importance of district strategic planning, issued the following recommendation to both Colleges in February 2009, and requires that it be demonstrably resolved in time for the October 2010 Follow-Up Reports:

In order to meet the standards, the team recommends that the Board of Trustees, and the chancellor, in consultation with the leadership of the college campuses, develop a strategy for addressing some significant issues raised by each college and verified in interviews with staff in the following areas; namely:

- *The development of a formal and regularly evaluated district strategic plan that both acknowledges input and aligns with the colleges educational plan and serves as a guide for planning at the college level.*