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FACCC RESPONDS TO GOVERNOR'S PROPOSED 2022-23 BUDGET

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – The Faculty Association of California Community Colleges (FACCC) has issued the following statement on Governor Newsom's January 2022-23 budget proposal:

"FACCC is grateful for the proposed funding allocated to community colleges for this upcoming budget year. Community colleges play a critical educational and economic role in our state as we focus on recovering with equity.

We appreciate the Governor's proposal to allocate \$200 million in ongoing Proposition 98 funding to the Part-Time Faculty Health Insurance Program to expand healthcare coverage to part-time faculty. Part-time faculty often work across multiple districts to piece together a full-time schedule while not receiving the same pay or benefits of their full-time colleagues.

We also look forward to working with the Legislature and the Governor on the proposed changes to the Student Centered Funding Formula. California's Community College districts have relied on the existing hold harmless policy to ensure a base level of funding and any proposal that would potentially decrease funding for a district would be harmful for students.

Opportunities to increase our system's lowest per pupil funding are infrequent. We must take advantage of the budget surplus to truly be equitable and increase support for community college students. We look forward to working with the Governor's office, legislative leaders, and other stakeholders to consider these additions in the final budget."

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