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**FACCC RESPONDS TO THE 2023-2024 STATE BUDGET AGREEMENT**

*SACRAMENTO, Calif.* – The Faculty Association of California Community Colleges (FACCC) has issued the following statement on the release of the state budget agreement made by the Governor and Legislature.

“FACCC is appreciative of the resources and funding provided in the state budget to programs that are the heart of our community colleges. Despite economic uncertainty, we are grateful that this budget includes many victories for faculty and students.

The agreement benefits the California Community Colleges with essential funding: it ensures an 8.22% COLA for our colleges, and various student support services and programs, including MESA and EOPS. It also allocates funds for more registered nurse community college programs, workforce training grants, LGBTQ+ support centers, financial aid for former foster youth, and seven community college housing projects. Importantly, the agreement adopts FACCC endorsed language to bring accountability and transparency to full-time faculty funding and equal opportunity employment funding in response to a State Auditor report.

Given the State’s recent economic challenges, this budget will provide the stability and provisions necessary to continue advancing the mission and vision of the California Community Colleges. We are grateful for the support that the Governor and Legislature have demonstrated for community college faculty and students through this budget.”

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