California Community Colleges Chancellor Jack Scott to Join Sen. Alan Lowenthal Wednesday to Discuss Student Success Act of 2012

*Senate Bill 1456 will enact many key recommendations of the Student Success Task Force*

**Who/What:** California Community Colleges Chancellor Jack Scott will join Senate Education Chairman Alan Lowenthal (D - Long Beach) to discuss SB 1456, the California Community Colleges Student Success Act of 2012. The bill, which will be heard in the Senate Education Committee at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, will better focus funding to support services to increase student success as measured by degree attainment, transfer to a four-year institution, earning a certificate or reaching career advancement goals. SB 1456 would target funds for orientation and educational planning services and authorize the California Community Colleges Board of Governors to establish policies that eventually require students to complete these services. The bill would establish new conditions for students to receive fee waivers and require colleges to participate in a common assessment system for entering students and to develop campus-wide student success scorecards for public display. Also speaking at the news conference will be Sen. Carol Liu (D - Pasadena); Dennis Cima, Silicon Valley Leadership Group; Jeanette Zanipatin, Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund (MALDEF); Jessie Ryan, Campaign for College Opportunity; Victoria Conlu, former City College of San Francisco student and current California State University, Sacramento, student.

**When/ Where:**
- **Wednesday, April 18, 2012 at 1 p.m.**
- **State Capitol**
  - Room 1190, main press room
  - 10th Street and Capitol Mall
  - Sacramento, CA. 95814

  *Press conference can be viewed and media questions submitted at [http://sd27.senate.ca.gov/stream](http://sd27.senate.ca.gov/stream).*
  *Media planning to attend are asked to RSVP to Paige Marlatt Dorr at [pdorr@cccco.edu](mailto:pdorr@cccco.edu)*

**Why:** In January 2011, the California Community Colleges Board of Governors convened a 20-member Student Success Task Force. After a year of study and embarking on a statewide listening tour, the task force submitted 22 recommendations for increasing student success to the state Legislature. Senate Bill 1456 proposes legislation to give students tools to succeed, increase transparency and help close the achievement gap.

**More:** One-on-one interviews with the participants will be available following the press conference.

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