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California Community Colleges Leaders to Host a Fall 'Back-to-School' Media Briefing with Higher Education Reporters on August 29

- ❖ **Who:** California Community Colleges Chancellor [Jack Scott](#)
Los Rios Community College District Chancellor [Brice Harris](#) (Sacramento – Northern California)
State Center Community College District Chancellor [Deborah Blue](#) (Fresno – Central California)
Long Beach City College Superintendent/President [Eloy Oakley](#) (Long Beach - Southern California)
- ❖ **What:** Leaders from the California Community Colleges will hold a teleconference to update reporters on the state of the community colleges system as the 2012-13 academic year begins. Results of an informal fall survey of community colleges assessing the impacts of recent funding reductions will be discussed. The leaders will also talk about the November 2012 state election and how the passage or failure of Gov. Brown's Prop. 30 will impact the colleges.
- ❖ **When:** **10:30 a.m. Wednesday, August 29, 2012**
Teleconference line: (888) 329-8903
Password: 7469263
Call title: California Community Colleges Back-to-School Media Briefing
Reporters are asked to RSVP to Paige Marlatt Dorr at pdorr@cccco.edu
Participating reporters should call in by 10:15 a.m. on August 29
- ❖ **Why:** Enrollment continues to decline at California community colleges because of budget cuts. Students who can get into community colleges this fall face fewer classes, fewer instructors, higher fees and larger class sizes. The community college system has been cut by \$809 million, or 12 percent, over the past three years and it faces a possible mid-year budget cut of \$338 million in January depending on the outcome of the November 2012 state election. Chancellor Scott and other system leaders will discuss the steps that colleges are taking to cope with funding reductions at a time of increased demand for a community college education. Scott will also release new statewide enrollment numbers for the 2011-12 academic year and talk about how the system is shrinking as directly related to state funding levels.

The [California Community Colleges](http://californiacommunitycolleges.cccco.edu/) is the largest system of higher education in the nation. It is composed of 72 districts and 112 colleges serving 2.6 million students per year. Community colleges supply workforce training, basic skills courses in English and math, and prepare students for transfer to four-year colleges and universities. The Chancellor's Office provides leadership, advocacy and support under the direction of the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges. For more information about the community colleges, please visit <http://californiacommunitycolleges.cccco.edu/>.