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## **Compton Community College District Trustees Extend President/CEO Contract *Dr. Keith Curry's existing contract extended through June 30, 2023***

This evening, the Compton Community College District (CCCD) Board of Trustees approved a one-year contract extension for its president/chief executive officer. The contract for Dr. Keith Curry, who has served as the district's permanent CEO since 2013, was extended through June 30, 2023.

"Dr. Curry's dedication to Compton College can be seen in the continued improvements we are making in success and retention, as well as accreditation. His efforts to address community college students' basic needs statewide directly impact our students," said CCCD Board President Sonia Lopez. "He is an energetic administrator and innovative educator who will continue to lead Compton College and its students on a path of excellence."

Under Dr. Curry's leadership, highlights from the past year include establishing the Compton College Oliver W. Conner Promise Program, which covers the first two years of enrollment fees at the college for recent high school graduates; securing a long-term planning grant from the College Futures Foundation designed to increase student achievement and success; and implementing guided pathways to ensure students set goals and stay on course to achieve their goals timely.

"I am excited to lead Compton College and CCCD and look forward to working with our the Board of Trustees, faculty, staff, and students to continue our progress toward Compton College being the premier community college in California and nationally", said Dr. Keith Curry, President/CEO.

Dr. Curry became president of Compton College in June 2017 when the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges granted initial accreditation status. He was appointed permanent CEO of the Compton Community College District in July 2013 after serving as the interim CEO for the District since March 2011. Dr. Curry previously served as the dean of student services starting in 2006.

Throughout Dr. Curry's tenure, many existing student support programs at Compton College have expanded and others were created, including the First Year Experience (FYE) program, Honors Transfer Program, Cosmetology program, Transfer Pathways partnerships, Early College High School, and the award-winning Formerly Incarcerated Student Transition Program. Other positive outcomes in recent years include an increased number of degrees and certificates awarded; increased student enrollment and transfers; new full-time faculty members hired; the overwhelming approval of the Measure C facilities bond by voters; completion of new state-funded construction projects; and a balanced budget with a reserve.

**Photo available online:** [http://www.compton.edu/adminandoperations/presidentceo/images/Curry\\_180912\\_0312.png](http://www.compton.edu/adminandoperations/presidentceo/images/Curry_180912_0312.png)

**Caption:** Dr. Keith Curry, President/CEO, Compton College

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### **About Compton College**

Compton College is the community's education solution offering a full complement of transfer and degree courses, as well as career and technical education. Students may earn an associate degree or certificate, transfer to a four-year university or train for a career. Compton College is located at 1111 E. Artesia Boulevard, Compton, CA 90221.