

Compton Community College District Board of Trustees 2023 Legislative Priorities

Access and Completion

Increase access and success for historically underrepresented and underserved populations.

- Request additional state revenues as necessary to ensure that all students have equitable access to books and materials.
- Implement Open Educational Resources (OER) in 85-100% Compton College courses and degree programs by fall 2035.
- Support ongoing Retention and Enrollment strategies funds to California Community Colleges versus one-time as currently outlined in the budget.
- Continue to support funding for the California Higher Education Student Housing Grant Program, which is a nationwide model for addressing students' housing insecurity and homelessness.

Immediate Budget Concerns

- Request funding to “renovate” current buildings for safety, long-term pandemic protocols, and update remote instruction/work technology.
- Request additional funds to support Compton Community College District's general operating budget to address pension and instruction costs.
- Request cost-of-living adjustment for Strong Workforce and the Student Equity and Achievement programs.

Funding for Programs that Support Facilities Growth

- Request \$12.2 million to build a permanent Student Health Center on the Compton College campus, in partnership with St. John’s Community Health.
- Request an additional \$5.2 million to address the increased cost of the Physical Education Complex Replacement project. The soil under the current athletics area has a high liquefaction potential that could cause concern in case of an earthquake. The new Physical Education Complex Replacement project requires soil mitigation and redesign work to protect the new structure. The current project cost is \$46.2 million.

Support Initiatives that Promote Student Success

- Request continued support of funding for Student Equity and Achievement. The 2022-2023 budget of \$2.3 million is supporting the Student Success Initiatives at Compton College. Student Equity and Achievement funding at Compton College assists with the implementation of Guided Pathways and Basic Needs programs and services including emergency aid, technology, transportation, and guaranteed income programs.
- Request funding to support guaranteed-income programs that provide financial support to students. Compton College would include formerly incarcerated, EOPS/CARE, CalWORKs, and CalFresh-eligible college students in this program.

Address the Total Cost of College Attendance through Financial Aid

- In addition to the Cal Grant program, identify a dedicated revenue source to increase state financial aid grant amounts to address the total cost of attendance for Compton College students.