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Sent: Tuesday, January 28, 2025 6:04 PM

Subject: RE: Update on Recent Federal Actions

(bcc: All LMC employees)

Dear Colleagues,

Thank you for attending Opening Day and for supporting our students this week as they come to our college to pursue their educational and life goals. As we discussed last week, there will be a great deal of disruption as the new administration puts its policy and leadership into place. Below is a joint message from LMC, our sister colleges and District. I wanted to share what Tammy Oranje has sent to our students this evening as well. You'll find it below this message.

We are committed to being methodical as we respond to the actions and policy changes from the new Administration. We continue to center our work on our mission of serving all students.

I'm grateful for the work you do serving students and for the calm you provide them and one another during tumultuous times.

In community,



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LETTER TO STUDENTS RE: FINANCIAL AID

Dear Student,

We recognize that news about the Trump Administration's freeze on federal funding may have caused concerns regarding your financial aid at Los Medanos College. We want to assure you that **this action does not impact your federal or state financial aid**, including grants, loans, and work-study opportunities.

If you are not yet receiving financial aid, it's not too late to apply. Visit the [LMC Financial Aid webpage](#) to get started.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to [contact](#) our Financial Aid Office or visit us in person. We're here to support you and ensure you have the resources you need to succeed.

The future is yours! And we're here to help you make it happen.

Thank you for being part of the LMC community.

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From: Mehdizadeh, Mojdeh <mojdeh@4cd.edu>

Date: Tuesday, January 28, 2025 at 5:47 PM

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Dear 4CD Colleagues,

Recent executive actions of the new Administration addressing DEIA programs, immigration, citizenship, environmental programs, and most recently a government-wide freeze on certain federally funded programs have created anxiety and uncertainty pertaining to essential programs, communities, and, most importantly, our students. While Federal judges have temporarily blocked some actions, we continue to actively work to evaluate all potential areas across the District to assess possible impact.

It should be noted that the impact of some actions in California may be limited by virtue of article I, section 31 of the California Constitution (Proposition 209), which already prohibits the Community Colleges from “discriminat[ing] against, or grant[ing] preferential treatment to, any individual or group on the basis of race, sex, color, ethnicity, or national origin in the operation of public employment, public education, or public contracting.” We can also confirm that **Federal Pell Grants and Direct Loans will not be affected**. According to the Education Department, these essential Title IV programs directly support individual students and remain fully operational and accessible. A communication is going out to all students sharing this update.

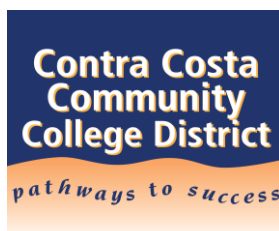
The colleges and District will continue to advocate for resources to support our students' educational journey. Just yesterday, our Governing Board Trustees visited all our State representatives in Sacramento.

We will continue to closely monitor the evolving situation. In the midst of this shifting landscape, we endeavor to be proactive in providing information and support, while simultaneously guarding against reactionary responses that could inadvertently contribute to fear and confusion. College Presidents will also provide further college-specific information as needed.

As a District, we want to affirm that we remain steadfast in providing access to education, guided by our mission, vision, values, and unwavering commitment to our employees and students.

Sincerely,

Mojdeh Mehdizadeh, Chancellor
Kimberly Rogers, CCC President
Susan Lamb, DVC President
Pamela Ralston, LMC President



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