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Subject: Update on Recent Federal Actions

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.

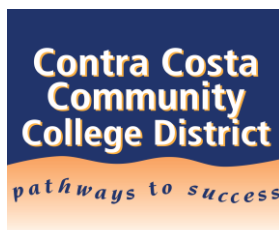
Sincerely,

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