



DATE: February 4, 2025
TO: CLPCCD District Enrollment Management Committee
FROM: Chancellor Ronald P. Gerhard, CLPCCD
SUBJECT: Response to DEMC's Recommendation for Academic Year 2025-2026

I want to express my sincere appreciation for your leadership and dedication in developing the recommendations outlined in [Attachment A](#). Your work is vital to our district's success and has a significant impact on our ability to serve students effectively.

Since your recommendation last November, two key developments have emerged:

1. **P1 Apportionment Attendance Report Submission** – Last month, we submitted our Period 1 (P1) Apportionment Attendance Report to the state. The positive news is that our annual enrollment figures continue to rise, which in turn increases our three-year rolling average (see [Attachment B](#)).
2. **Change in Hold Harmless COLA Treatment** – We recently learned that Hold Harmless districts will no longer receive any COLAs (one-time or ongoing). Previously, the 2022 Budget Act and related guidance suggested that while COLAs would no longer be “cumulative”, districts would still be provided COLA on a one-time basis. However, this interpretation has now changed, resulting in a potential **\$3 million reduction in one-time funding**. This shift increases the urgency for us to **accelerate growth across all SCFF metrics** to move off Hold Harmless status as soon as possible.

Given these developments and their implications for institutional planning, **I support the DEMC recommendation with the following modifications:**

- **Chabot's 2025-26 FTES target** will remain at **9,975 FTES**, as originally recommended.
- **LPC's 2025-26 FTES target** will be increased to **7,000 FTES**.
- **Chabot's FTEF allocation** will remain unchanged.
- **LPC's FTEF allocation** will increase by **13 FTEF**, with the understanding that if, by the **end of September 2025**, actuals are not “**on-pace**” with the approved targets, designated FTEF reductions will be made for the **Spring 2026** schedules (13.40 for Chabot and 3.0 for LPC), per the recommendation.

Additionally, I recognize that these targets were set **without factoring in the Winter 2025 intersession**. FTES and FTEF targets for Winter will be established separately. However, it is worth noting that with the inclusion of the **Winter intersession**, our **AY 2025-26 FTES target** could **reach approximately 17,000 FTES**, raising our **three-year rolling average to 15,800 FTES**—a **1,500 FTES increase** over our current average. Achieving this would be a major milestone in our effort to generate sufficient SCFF-based revenue to transition off Hold Harmless status.

Once again, I deeply appreciate your thoughtful analysis, collaboration, and leadership in advancing both student access and our district's fiscal stability.