

Governor's January Budget – Actions Proposed for this Year

As part of his January budget for FY 2021-22, the Governor is asking lawmakers to approve a roughly \$5 billion “early action” proposal, which includes \$2.4 billion to send \$600 payments to low-income families, \$2 billion to reopen schools, and nearly \$650 million in grants for businesses impacted by the pandemic. If enacted, these dollars would be appropriated in the current fiscal year.

Specific to the community college system the following proposals for early action are being made:

- One-time investment of \$100 million in emergency student financial assistance grants
 - If distributed by FTES, the District could receive around \$1.2-\$1.5M
- One-time resources of \$20 million for retention and re-enrollment strategies, including engaging with former students who may have withdrawn or prospective students who are hesitant to enroll due to the impacts of COVID-19
 - If distributed by FTES, the District could receive \$240-\$300k

The early action initiatives promoted by the Governor require legislative approval and are anticipated to be taken under consideration in early Spring.