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Hello again everyone,

Vice President
Bill Henry

I recently met with Mark Millett of CSEA and Marty Ennes of CTA to discuss the current budget situation as we understand it. We are all presented with basically the same information from the State, however what is important to all of us is how this information will affect us at West Hills. We know we will have reductions to our current budget and possibly next year's budget. **The three of us agree that our goal is to meet the reductions without having to layoff or reduce full time classified staff, faculty or administrators.**

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What can we expect? The information we have from the State is pretty straight forward. Currently, we have been paid our apportionment claims, dollar for dollar. That is the good news. The bad news is that beginning with the January payments to the district, our payments will be reduced by 25 cents on the dollar for the months of January, February and March. The State uses this technique to reduce their cash flow requirements in the current year.

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What can we do to offset this reduction? We basically have three options: The first is do nothing, which would not be acceptable to the Board of Trustees. The second is to make the reductions in current budgets across the board effective November 1. While this will get us to our goal of reducing our budget by approximately \$1 million, it is a very intrusive and disconcerting process for the colleges to go through right now. The third option – the one preferred by CSEA, CTA and myself – is to implement a “freeze” effective November 1 on Fund 11 dollars. (Fund 11 dollars are unrestricted and come from the State).

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The reason we favor this approach is that we have used it before with great success. At the October Board meeting we will have a discussion concerning the options presented above. We are in a good financial position for a district our size and our enrollment for the summer and fall semester have been higher than anticipated.

That means that we can plan on a normal spring semester enrollment which will help us in the next budget.

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I will keep you informed as I receive more information. Please call or e-mail with any questions you might have or suggestions on other options we might consider.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Frank", is centered on a light blue rectangular background.

Frank Gornick
Chancellor