TO: District Chief Business Officer

FROM: Frederick E. Harris, Assistant Vice Chancellor
        College Finance & Facilities Planning

SUBJECT: Price Change Information and Worksheet for Determination of 2007-2008 Appropriation Limit per Article XIII-B, California Constitution (Gann Limit)

Synopsis: Pursuant to Article XIII-B of the Constitution and Government Code Section 7900, all community college districts are required to compute an annual appropriation limit. That appropriation limit is adjusted annually for changes in price index, population, and other applicable factors.

Government Code Section 7908(c), requires each community college district to report to the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges at least annually its appropriation limit, appropriations subject to limit, the amount of State aid apportionments and subventions included within the proceeds of taxes of the district, and amounts excluded from the appropriations subject to limit. A form for computing these four items is attached for your convenience. This information is to be reported on the Annual Financial and Budget Report, CCFS-311 Gann Appropriation Limit page.

Government Code Section 7909 requires that the Department of Finance notify the California Community Colleges System Office by May 1 each year of the price factor to be used in establishing the appropriation limit. The price factor to be used is defined as the change in fourth quarter California per capita personal income. The price factor to be used in setting the 2007-2008 appropriation limit is 4.42%. The Department of Finance price information is available at http://www.dof.ca.gov/Budgeting/documents/PricePop2007.pdf

Action Requested/Date Due: Please complete the enclosed Gann Limit Worksheet as part of the process for developing the tentative budget for 2007-2008. The appropriation limit must be approved by your district's governing board in accordance with Government Code Section 7910. After board approval, keep the worksheet for your files for later reference in reporting the necessary Gann Limit information on the CCFS-311, which is due on or before October 10, 2007.

Contact: If you have questions about this memorandum, or if the projected appropriations exceed the 2007-2008 Gann Limit, please contact Patricia Laurent at (916) 327-6225.

Attachment
I. 2007-2008 APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT:
   A. 2006-2007 Appropriations Limit $63,438,831
   B. Price factor for 2007-08: 1.0442
   C. Population factor:
      1. 2005/2006 Second Period Actual FTES 7990.92
      2. 2006/2007 Second Period Actual FTES 8297.12
      3. 2006/2007 Population change factor 1.03832
         (line C.2. divided by line C.1.)
   D. 2006-2007 Limit adjusted by inflation and population factors $68,781,153
      (line A multiplied by line B and line C.3.)
   E. Adjustments to increase limit:
      1. Transfers in of financial responsibility $......................
      2. Temporary voter approved increases ______________
      3. Total adjustments - increase -0-
         Sub-Total $.......................$
   F. Adjustments to decrease limit:
      1. Transfers out of financial responsibility $......................
      2. Lapses of voter approved increases ______________ < ______ >
      3. Total adjustments - decrease
   G. 2007-2008 Appropriations Limit $68,781,153

II. 2007-2008 APPROPRIATIONS SUBJECT TO LIMIT:
   A. State Aid (General Apportionment, Apprenticeship
      Allowance, Basic Skills, and Partnership for Excellence) $27,409,804
   B. State Subventions (Home Owners Property Tax Relief,
      Timber Yield tax, etc.) 130,000
   C. Local Property taxes 10,300,000
   D. Estimated excess Debt Service taxes -0-
   E. Estimated Parcel taxes, Square Foot taxes, etc. -0-
   F. Interest on proceeds of taxes 349,220
   G. Local appropriations from taxes for unreimbursed State,
      court, and federal mandates < -0- >
   H. 2007-2008 Appropriations Subject to Limit $39,700,025
CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES
GANN LIMIT WORKSHEET
INSTRUCTIONS

I. APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT:

A. Enter prior year appropriations limit. If limit was exceeded in prior year, add any State
   transfers.
B. Price factor computed by the Department of Finance.
C. Population change factor computed from FTES data as reported on the latest CCFS-320.
D. Compute adjusted Appropriations Limit by multiplying line A by line B and by Line C.3.
   Enter the amount.
E. Enter amounts transferred to the district to increase the limit.
F. Enter amounts transferred out of the district to decrease the limit.
G. Compute the adjusted Appropriation Limit by adding lines D and E, minus F.

II. APPROPRIATIONS SUBJECT TO LIMIT:

A. Enter the sum of amounts projected for General Apportionment, Apprenticeship Allowance,
   Basic Skills, and Partnership for Excellence.
B. Enter those State Subventions used as offset in calculating State Aid.
C. Enter Local Property taxes. Do not include student fees.
D. Enter excess taxes collected in the last year of debt service which are made available for
   general purposes.
E. Enter Parcel taxes, Square Foot taxes, etc. Do not include Mello-Roos taxes.
F. Enter interest on proceeds of taxes.
G. Enter local appropriations from unreimbursed mandates. These include amounts of district
   money spent for unreimbursed mandates such as the federally-required Medicare
   payments and Social Security contributions for hourly, temporary, part-time, and student
   employees not covered by PERS or STRS.
H. Compute the Appropriations Subject to Limit by adding lines A thru F, minus G.

Note: If you have questions about this form or if your district has exceeded the
Appropriations Limit (line II.H. exceeds line I.G.), contact Fiscal Services at (916)
327-6225. Government Code 7910 requires community college districts to annually
secure the approval of their local governing boards of the proposed Appropriations
Limit. If a district anticipates exceeding its Appropriations Limit, the GC provides a
method to increase its Appropriation Limits by notifying the Department of Finance
within 45 days of local board approval. This notification allows DOF to transfer
surplus State Appropriation Limit authority from the state to the community college.
(Government Code Section 7902.1(c)). Please send this office a copy of any DOF notification.