

OHLONE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: Gari Browning

DATE: December 9, 2009

SUBJECT: Authorization for Movement of Categorical Funding to Take Advantage of the Flexibility Provision in AB X2 1

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AB X2 1 (the education budget trailer bill) provides categorical flexibility for community college districts. Under this provision districts may redirect funds from any “flexible” categorical program to any other categorical program funded in the state budget. Before exercising this flexibility, districts are required to discuss the redirection of funds at a regularly scheduled public meeting and receive testimony from the public. This flexibility applies to fiscal years 2009-10 through 2012-13 and would lock in funding at the same level as received in the 2008-09 allocation, less the cuts imposed in 2009-10.

It is being proposed that to meet this requirement the Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) categorical funding be moved into the Disabled Students Program and Services (DSP&S) budget. This redirection of funds acknowledges the severe budget reductions being imposed on the DSP&S program, which must continue to deliver services based upon unfunded Federal mandates. It also acknowledges that the remaining balance in the EEO budget is sufficient to provide at least four years of funding at the current allocation level.

RECOMMENDATION

The President/Superintendent recommends that the Board of Trustees approve the movement of EEO categorical funding into the DSP&S program budget for the 2009-10 fiscal year.