KEY FACTS
Ohlone College Funding

Ohlone, like most other California Community Colleges, receives 93 percent of its fiscal support from the State of California. For most Colleges, the funding received from the State varies according to economic fluctuations, causing deep cuts to the budget and ultimately affecting students.

In order to avoid severe fluctuations to college budgets, the State has created a new funding formula: in addition to enrollment numbers, the new funding scheme relies on completion metrics as well as supplemental funds. In our current landscape, Ohlone, as well as eight of the Bay 10 districts, are negatively affected by the new funding. Ohlone’s share of this loss is projected to rise as high as $5,439,530, or 10.9 percent of its total general funds.

Several Bay Area Districts are “Basic Aid,” meaning that their main source of income stems from property taxes and is largely independent from enrollment numbers. That is not the case for Ohlone.

OTHER SOURCES OF FUNDING
The College has been proactive in seeking alternate sources of funding to stave off State cuts:

- **International Students**
  Ohlone Currently serves about 400 international, degree-seeking students. These international students bring diverse perspectives to our college, and the tuition they pay helps support the college programs and services.

- **Frontage Property Development**
  Several Bay Area Districts, including San Mateo, San Jose/Evergreen, and West Valley/Mission Community College Districts have developed and leased their surplus property to create a long-term funding stream. Ohlone is actively seeking to make up for State cuts through similar endeavors.

- **Harvesting and Sale of Olive Oil**
  We are researching the possibility of producing olive oil from the many olive trees on campus. Our projections indicate that while this may not generate additional income for the College, it would be beneficial for marketing purposes.

- **Wine Grapes**
  The College is investigating leasing some of its land for wine grape production. We plan to undertake a feasibility study that includes finding potential wineries to lease the land and identifying the preparation costs that would render the land leasable.

- **Street Fair**
  We are exploring the details to hold a Hilltop Street Fair. We hope to make it a popular regional shopping venue with an educational bent. The Hilltop Street Fair will not only be a revenue-generating activity for the College, but also serve as an opportunity to raise our visibility and strengthen ties to the community.

- **Starbucks**
  We were recently approached by the Starbucks across Mission Blvd about moving to our campus. We are working out the best location for it, one that would be accessible to the public and the College community but not disrupt classes.
OHLONE SPENDS ITS MONEY RESPONSIBLY

Audit Report
Ohlone’s audit reports have been consistently excellent throughout the last several years.

Salary and Benefits
- Eighty-six (86) percent of our funds are dedicated to salaries and benefits.
- Despite fluctuating economic conditions, faculty (both full- and part-time) and staff have received pay increases. In addition, faculty pay rates are automatically increased annually by one step (in addition to negotiated augmentations) according to a published and negotiated salary schedule. The District has traditionally benchmarked its salaries against other Colleges in the Bay Area (called Bay 10) and remains competitive in its compensation of faculty and staff.
- Recognizing the value of fulltime faculty, the District, under the leadership of Dr. Browning, has consistently hired new and replacement tenure track instructors: in addition to the replacement of retirees, Ohlone has hired a minimum of two additional tenure-track instructors every year for the past five years.

INVESTMENTS
- An irrevocable Trust set up by the Board of Trustees to meet future liability related to retiree health benefits has a balance of $4,572,485 as of June 30, 2018.
- The Board of Trustees has invested $10 million (technology Endowment) of the G.O. Bond funds in local government securities. As of June 30, 2018, the balance is $10,305,402. This money can only be spent on the Measure G project.

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