



CCCECE ShoutOut! Lab School Crisis What You Need to Do TODAY and TOMORROW

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Sent on Behalf of Joel Gordon, CCCECE President:

Colleagues,

In yesterday's ShoutOut! I mentioned the crisis faced by our lab schools as funding gets tighter and tighter. However, there is a critical funding issue facing us today in the Draft Report of the California Community College's Task Force on Student Success. While there are many good recommendations in this draft report there is one proposal that will directly and strongly affect the 46 lab schools/campus children's centers that receive Tax Bail Out Funds.

Recommendation 8.1 of that report calls for the "block granting" of eight categorical funds, including Tax Bail Out and Foster and Kinship Care funding to districts. Districts can then make their own determination as to how to fund these programs. In this environment we cannot be sure that many of our lab schools would get this vital piece of funding.

We need to respond quickly as the committee is scheduled to conduct a town hall meeting on **Thursday, October 27, 2011**, at the LA Chamber of Commerce. Even with this late notice we encourage you to go to that meeting if at all possible. Information on that meeting can be found at

<http://californiacommunitycolleges.cccco.edu/PolicyInAction/StudentSuccessTaskForce/SouthernCaliforniaTownHallMeetingInvite.aspx>.

Also we need for you to go to the response web page of the report and enter your thoughts about the effects of this fund consolidation. If you feel so inclined you can add a comment or agree with the comments already posted. Please see the address and directions below.

1. Hit the following link: <http://studentsuccess.ideascale.com/>
2. Hit "register" on the black bar at the top of the page to register.
3. Follow the instructions to create your account.
4. Once you have completed this process you may log in, and either hit "agree," on the topic supporting Child Care/Tax Bailout or make a comment to this post.

The task force will literally be counting the number of comments and votes. Currently there are no comments posted about saving the Child Care Tax Bailout funds.

Thanks,

Joel Gordon
President, CCCECE