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San Diego Community College District's Summer Enrollment up 10 Percent Amid State Budget Cuts

San Diego Community College District (SDCCD) enrollment is up over 10 percent ahead of the beginning of the 8-week summer session beginning next week, at City, Mesa, and Miramar colleges. Dr. Constance Carroll, Chancellor of the San Diego Community College District, said that the large enrollment increase reflects an important trend. "The economy, especially the unemployment rate, is a great motivator for people to seek educational and career training. Community college enrollments historically increase during economic downturns."

This increase has taken place amid a reduction in state funding that has resulted in cutting 86 class (5.3 percent reduction) sections throughout the district this year compared to last year. "The fact that all three colleges have increased enrollment so dramatically emphasizes the importance of having enrollment management practices that are fast and flexible in providing the classes our students need most in a challenging state funding environment," according to Vice Chancellor Lynn Neault.

Approximately 3,000 students (116 percent increase over last year) are waitlisted for summer classes at the three colleges. These students will not be able to attend classes they need unless students who have enrolled do not show up for their summer class.

The SDCCD is California's second largest community college district serving an estimated 100,000 local residents at the district's three colleges and six adult Continuing Education campuses. Local residents enroll in approximately 16,600 classes during the year at the district's campuses and 200 locations throughout the city. The SDCCD also serves 50,000 members of our armed forces at military bases throughout the nation. It is the region's 13th largest employer with approximately 5,000 employees. It has a budget of \$800 million and is in the midst of a \$1.55 billion capital building and renovation program funded by the voters of San Diego to expand career programs and transfer education opportunities for a growing San Diego student population.