

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE  
NORTH ORANGE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT**



**Resolution No. 14/15-06, in Support of Changes to Community College Funding to Include  
Differential Funding for High Cost Career Technical Education Programs**

**WHEREAS**, California Community Colleges have built extensive depth and breadth of educational programs over the past 50 years that provide for certificated and degree employment, responding to the educational needs of their respective communities, and contributing to a skilled workforce that in turn, provides the economic vitality necessary for the next few decades and delivers upon the national and state mandates for a qualified workforce;

**WHEREAS**, 2013-14 Assembly bill (AB977) requested that the CCC Chancellor convene a group of experts in Career Technical Education, business, or industry to research ways to address issues related to implementing differential funding for credit bearing, high cost, high demand courses at the community colleges;

**WHEREAS**, for the community colleges, credit courses are currently funded at \$4,636 per full-time equivalent student (FTES), non-credit courses are funded at \$2,788 per FTES, and 'enhanced non-credit' courses are funded at \$3,283 per FTES;

**WHEREAS**, many of the North Orange County Community College District's Career Technical Education (CTE) programs receive less in FTES funding than they cost to operate with some healthcare related programs funded at only one-quarter to one-half of their actual operating costs;

**WHEREAS**, a recent report by the Institute for Higher Education Leadership Policy found that California's current funding structure creates a fiscal disincentive to support high cost programs;

**WHEREAS**, the California Community Colleges System Strategic Plan 2013 update states in Strategic Goal C: "Partnerships for Economic and Workforce Development strengthen the Colleges' capacity to respond to current and emerging labor market needs and to prepare students for a global economy;"

**WHEREAS**, the Donahoe Higher Education Act states: "A primary mission of the California Community Colleges is to advance California's economic growth and global competitiveness through education, training, and services that contribute to continuous work force improvement," and further states "The California Community Colleges shall, as a primary mission, offer academic and vocational instruction at the lower division level;"

**WHEREAS**, the Economic and Workforce Development (EWD) program within the CCC Chancellor's Office exists to bridge the gap between workforce needs and skills training provided by the community colleges and therefore is a priority of local and state businesses;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the North Orange County Community College District requests additional support of high cost, high demand career technical education programs through differential funding that can allay the increased cost of performing the services necessary for a college student to earn a certificate or degree; and which can allay the high cost due to mandated low teacher to student ratios, high equipment and maintenance costs. The North Orange County Community College District supports legislation that would secure differential funding for necessary career technical education demand.

Dated: March 24, 2015

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M. Tony Ontiveros, President