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Dear Colleagues,

This week the Board of Governors accepted a [new Strategic Vision](#) for the California Community Colleges. The vision articulates what the state of California needs our system to do over the next decade

The State of California's \$150 million one-time investment in the Guided Pathways Award Program will give each of our 114 colleges the opportunity to begin implementation of the Guided Pathways framework. This investment will support an intensive five-year planning and implementation process at each participating college. Using the Guided Pathways framework, colleges will rethink and redesign programs and services into cohesive, campus-wide strategies to achieve the outcomes expected by the state, our system, and our students. The ongoing resources to support implementation will come from the system's existing funding of more than \$8.5 billion, as well as potential philanthropic resources which should be integrated within the Guided Pathways framework. Over the past six months, my office has worked with partners throughout the system, as well as national leaders in the Guided Pathways movement.

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