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NEWS

**Coast Community College Trustees Approve plan to Achieve a
Balanced Budget for Fiscal Year 2012-13 without Layoffs
by 3% Reduction in Salaries/Benefits**

At a Special Board Meeting on April 10, 2012, the Coast Community College District Board of Trustees voted unanimously to establish a plan to achieve a balanced Fiscal Year 2012-13 Budget, and instructed the District's chief labor negotiators to accomplish negotiated solutions with collective bargaining groups and other staff members to reduce salary/benefit levels by 3% in order to close a \$15 million budget deficit created by reductions in State funding. A 3% reduction in compensation for all employee groups, including the Board of Trustees, would close the budget gap and reduce the possibility of layoffs for classified staff and classified management employees, to the extent possible.

"The Board has a fiduciary responsibility to adopt a balanced budget by September 15 of each year. We can all sacrifice to help the District continue educating our students," said Board President Jim Moreno. Board Vice-President Mary Hornbuckle said, "The budget challenges facing the District today are unprecedented."

Staff was directed to finalize the negotiated solutions for a budget study session scheduled for June 20, 2012 where Trustees will consider a tentative budget for Fiscal Year 2012-13.

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The Coast Community College District is headquartered in Costa Mesa, Ca. along the Orange County coastline. The district is comprised of Coastline Community College headquartered in Fountain Valley, Golden West College in Huntington Beach and Orange Coast College in Costa Mesa.