

DATE:

January 26, 2024

TO:

District Enrollment Management Committee (DEMC)

FROM:

Chancellor Ronald Gerhard, CLPCCD

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District Planning & Budget Committee (PBC)

SUBJECT:

DEMC FTES/FTEF Recommendation Response

I am writing to acknowledge and express my appreciation for your diligent work arriving at recommended enrollment targets for the 2024-25 academic year. Your recommendation has been carefully reviewed and is supported.

The key aspects of your recommendation, including the 8% increase in Full-Time Equivalent Students (FTES) targets over the adjusted projections from October 2023, and the increase of 82.3 Full-Time Equivalent Faculty (FTEF) over the previous year, is well thought-out and achievable. These targets not only align with our strategic goals, and if achieved, bring us to enrollment levels last seen just prior to the pandemic, but also underscore our commitment to enhancing educational quality and access.

Your collective efforts in strategic planning, and indirectly, budget management, are vital to our mission. They enable us to provide high-quality education and to remain responsive to the needs of our students and community. I am confident that with these new targets, we are well-positioned to achieve remarkable outcomes in the upcoming academic year.

Thank you once again for your leadership and dedication to our colleges and district.