

Dear District Community,

With the election now behind us and the outcome all but certain, we wanted to reach out once again to share resources and information with the District community.

Our District serves nearly 30,000 students per year and employs more than 1,000 people. As with any large, diverse organization, the political beliefs and views of our students and employees encompass nearly the entire political spectrum.

As we continue react to the presidential election results in our own individual ways, we wanted to take a moment today to remind everyone of our District's core values of Opportunity, Equity, and Social Justice, and reaffirm our commitment to serving our community and all who seek to improve their life through education. We are resolute in our commitment to ensuring that the path for our students to achieve their educational goals remains as clear and firm as ever.

The result of the presidential election and the campaign that led up to it have caused concern, uncertainty, anxiety, and fear on our campuses, particularly among students and employees from historically disenfranchised and underrepresented backgrounds and communities. We will continue to promote and embrace the values of diversity, equity, and inclusion that strengthen not only our colleges and our community, but our entire nation.

For employees who may be experiencing stress or anxiety, please be reminded of the resources available through our [Employee Assistance Program \(EAP\)](#). More information on these resources, which include confidential counseling services for all eligible employees, covered retirees, and dependents, are available on the [Human Resources](#) page of our website.

The colleges are preparing separate communications directly to students which will provide information and details on the various support services available to students and the college Presidents are considering hosting townhall-style meetings for the campus communities to gather. Meanwhile, we also want to encourage students to utilize the student mental health services and resources available on our campuses should they find themselves experiencing heightened levels of stress and anxiety. Please share the links below with any students who you feel may benefit from them:

[SJCC Mental Health Resources](#)

[EVC Wellness Services](#)

We are very proud of the work we do and hope that you all feel that same sense of pride. We remain strong in our resolve to help students transform their lives and are committed to ensuring that Opportunity, Equity, and Social Justice are not just hollow words, but have actions behind them. Sincerely,

Dr. Beatriz Chaidez, SJECED Chancellor

Dr. Vinicio Lopez, EVC President

Dr. David Wain Coon, SJCC Acting President