



As promised, legislative Republicans released a proposed mid-year [budget correction](#) today that relies primarily on cuts rather than the balanced approach supported by the governor and legislative Democrats. For community colleges, the cut would likely exceed \$1 billion, with a total of \$10.6 billion in cuts to K-12 and community colleges. Except for specifying deferred maintenance, no specifics were provided on the community college cut.

A 14% mid-year reduction would obliterate course offerings and student services. With the proposal also including 10% across-the-board cuts to UC and CSU, community colleges would have even more students demanding an education, and the most vulnerable students will be left with no hope of a higher education for years to come.

Tax hikes are hard to support, and good arguments can be made against almost any of the proposals on the table. However, today's proposal is why the politically diverse boards of the League adopted statements in June that revenues must be part of the budget solution. We have now seen what a budget built on top of the cuts already taken would look like, and we must loudly and clearly state the impact on our students and communities.

The Assembly Budget Committee will review this proposal tomorrow morning at 9:30 a.m., and a vote on a budget plan may occur at 1 p.m. tomorrow. [Contact your legislators](#) now to inform them of the impact of a 14% mid-year cut to your college.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott Lay".

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