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### **SJECCD Board Approves 2021-2022 Budget**

(San Jose, Calif.) — The San José – Evergreen Community College District (SJECCD) board of trustees adopted a nearly \$145 million budget for the General Fund for the 2021-2022 academic year during its regular meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 14.

Vice Chancellor Jorge L. Escobar presented a balanced, Fiscal Year 2021-22 budget that includes \$142 million in General Fund revenue. This year's budget includes COVID-19 related federal and state stimulus funds, which provide direct financial aid to students impacted by the pandemic as well as funding to ensure continuity of instructional operations.

**Among the budget's highlights:**

- The District received \$31 million in Federal Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds (HEERF) to assist with COVID-19 related expenditures and \$19.5 million in direct support to students in the form of emergency grants (HEERF).
- SJECCD anticipates receiving \$5.2 million from the state's Physical Plant and Instructional Support Program to help support the District's scheduled maintenance and instructional support needs, which benefits thousands of students at Evergreen Valley College, San José City College, and the Milpitas College Extension.
- State funding for full-time faculty hiring. The District plans to receive \$1.06 million to hire an additional 12 full-time faculty in coming months.
- The anticipated reserve for FY 2021-2022 is projected to be 17.34 percent.
- This year's budget is also transformational since the District and the bargaining groups agreed on a multi-year compensation as part of their collective bargaining agreement. This merits recognition for the collaborative effort of AFT 6157 and CSEA 363 and with

the leadership of Dr. Beatriz Chaidez, SJECCD's associate vice chancellor of human resources.

"The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic continues to present challenges," said SJECCD Chancellor Byron D. Clift Breland. "However, it is a credit to our District, our board of trustees, and our employee groups that our budget is balanced and strong and will allow us to continue to address our primary mission of ensuring everyone in our community has access to high-quality, affordable educational opportunities."

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### **About San José – Evergreen Community College District**

Located in vibrant downtown San José in the heart of Silicon Valley, the San José – Evergreen Community College District (SJECCD) encompasses more than 300 square miles, including a large portion of the City of San José and all of the City of Milpitas. SJECCD is comprised of: San José City College, the first community college in Santa Clara County, established in 1921; Evergreen Valley College, established in 1975; the Community College Center for Economic Mobility (previously known as the Workforce Institute), established in 1988; and the San José – Evergreen Community College Extension at Milpitas, established in 2016. For more information, visit [www.sjeccd.edu](http://www.sjeccd.edu).