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COMMITMENT TO "NO DECLINE"

After many months of discussion with the previous administrative regime, we now have a commitment from Dr. Riggs –and he from the Guild- that the college will NOT go into decline to balance its budget. The furthest we may go in course reduction would be the 250-section cut (100 in Fall 2012, and 150 in Spring 2013) that would be imposed on the District by way of the recalculation of our base funding. In other words, if Proposition 30 fails, we will be reimbursed for a significantly lower number of FTES by the State, and have no other recourse but to adjust our programs accordingly.

This is, of course, bad enough; however, the worst case scenario is not as dire as the 500-700 course reduction that we kept hearing about for months. The good news is that if Proposition 30 passes, the District intends to restore course offerings to Spring 2012 levels.

PRESERVING COURSES FOR OUR ADJUNCT FACULTY

Guild Executive is requesting that Classified and Instructional managers give up their teaching assignments in Spring 2013 in the event our efforts to pass Proposition 30 prove unsuccessful.

PENSION REFORM AT A GLANCE

The passage of AB340, The California Public Employees' Pension Reform Act of 2013, has some implications for CalSTRS members; especially those who will enter our profession in the future. For a concise synopsis of upcoming modifications, please visit: http://rafael.glendale.edu/z/AB34impactsummary.pdf

IMPACT OF PROPOSITION 30 ON CALIFORNIA'S BUDGET

The California Budget Project has published an informative paper on the impact of Proposition 30. The article may be accessed at: http://rafael.glendale.edu/z/Proposition30impact.pdf