Dear Special Admit Students and Parents:

Thank you for your interest in Cypress College. Because we place a high value on your time, we want you to be aware of the following information before you initiate our Special Admit process.

The current California budget crisis is creating a tremendous impact on our course offerings. This, of course, is not unique to Cypress College — or even community colleges as a whole.

With the enrollment period for high school students still a week away, classes at Cypress College are nearly 100% full. Essentially all of the remaining classes are specialty courses, for students in specific programs of study.

In all likelihood, because of the demand for courses by our current students coupled with a reduction in offerings, there will be no classes with seats available for Special Admit students this year.

We share this information in hopes that we can spare you the burdensome work associated with the Special Admit process. While it is disappointing to not be able to offer classes to our local high school students, we realize the problem compounded if we put you through the hoops of enrolling only to have you find there are no classes available.

It is our hope that state leaders can resolve the budget problems so that in the near future we can once again provide courses sufficient to meet all of our students’ needs.

Our Fall 2011 course offerings will be more substantial than our summer offerings, which may present more opportunity for you to find open classes. However, again, due to budget reductions and fewer class offerings, the choices will be limited. The state Education Code requires that community colleges assign the lowest enrollment priority to currently enrolled high school students.

While the news I am sharing is not pleasant, I want to assure you that Cypress College remains committed to serving students and helping you to be successful in both your higher education and subsequent careers.

We will continue to do our very best while this painful situation lasts and look forward to a brighter future.

Respectfully,

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President