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Dear Current and Prospective Students:

As you may know, public higher education in California is facing drastic budget reductions for the third year in a row. Even though we have struggled through three years of these cuts, Imperial Valley College has been committed to meeting the educational needs of our students.

Unfortunately, for 2011-2012, the state will be substantially reducing the number of student enrollments that they will fund for community colleges. We are deeply disappointed by this decision.

After carefully considering all options and the impact of these unprecedented reductions to our core programs, we have been forced to cancel summer session 2011 to all students except those enrolled in the following programs, most of which are funded through the Workforce Investment Act or a grant from the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development:

- Paramedics Training
- Solar Energy Efficiency Electrical Technician (WIA Funded)
- Diesel Mechanic (WIA Funded)
- Emergency Medical Technician (WIA Funded)
- Sales Empowerment Academy (HUD Funded)
- Nexlevel Entrepreneur Training (HUD Funded)
- Business workshops (HUD Funded)

There are also two Workforce Investment Act-funded programs that are pending approval and will be held this summer if that approval is received: Dental Assistant and Certified Smog Check Technician.

Students who will have summer classes will be contacted directly by IVC staff.

Fall and Spring semesters will proceed with a full schedule of classes. I advise every student to register at your first eligible time. Enrollments will be limited because the state is providing less funding thus requiring a reduction in course offerings. Future e-mails regarding the Fall 2011 schedule and registration will be forthcoming.

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All students who were planning on graduating in Summer 2011 are asked to contact their counselor to explore alternatives in online enrollments at other schools.

Be assured that IVC will continue to remind state legislators to emphasize the importance of fully funding community colleges to meet the critical educational needs of our students. If you wish to become involved in this effort, you can let your voice be heard by going to the California Community College League website at <http://www.ccleague.net/events/calltoday/> and follow the instructions there.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ed Gould". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized "G" at the end.

Ed Gould, Ed.D.
Superintendent/President