



**CONTACT:**  
**Martha Parham**  
**District Director, Public Affairs and Government Relations**  
**(714) 438-4605**

**March 10, 2010**

**NEWS**

**Students Using Technology to Advocate**

Students create text message campaign to send a message to legislators

Costa Mesa, Calif. — Students at Coastline, Golden West and Orange Coast colleges are using technology to rally for education funding.

Students are asking all Californians to text “No More Cuts” to 69302 to show their support for community college funding as the state continues to slash budget allocations for higher education.

“We have got to get the message to legislators that education is important,” said Lee Fuller, President of Coastline Community College’s Student Advisory and the campaign’s coordinator. “Our students are taking longer than ever to complete a two-year program because classes have been cut. It shouldn’t take 4 years to complete programs at a community college.”

“Our goal is to collect one million text messages,” Fuller continued. “If we do that, they will represent less than half of the students currently enrolled in California’s community colleges. We are all hoping that together our voice will be powerful in Sacramento.”

Coast Community College District Student Trustee Robby Lane notes that students have a powerful voice. “With nearly three-million students, our community college students can have a tremendous impact on the politics in this state,” stated Lane. “Sending a text message during this campaign could help make the difference between students getting into a class they need to graduate or attending community college for three or four years.”

The effort will take place March 12 – 19, 2010. Participants are asked to text “No More Cuts” to 69302. The messages will be gathered and presented to legislators at the statewide March in March rally for community colleges on March 22, 2010 in Sacramento.

For information on the campaign, please contact Lee Fuller at 949-273-1590 or by email at [lfuller@coastline.edu](mailto:lfuller@coastline.edu).

###

*The Coast Community College District is the ninth largest community college district in the state in credit enrollment, serving 60,000 students each semester. The district is comprised of Coastline Community College headquartered in Fountain Valley, Golden West College in Huntington Beach and Orange Coast College in Costa Mesa. Visit our website at [www.cccd.edu](http://www.cccd.edu).*