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Leading Higher Education Advocates support Yes on Proposition 15 to Increase Revenue for Schools and Community Colleges

Today, **The Campaign for College Opportunity, The Education Trust–West, The Institute for College Access & Success, and Public Advocates** came together to support and urge Californians to Vote Yes on Proposition 15.

If approved by the voters in November, Proposition 15 would generate critical funding for K-12 schools and community colleges. These resources would provide critical support to the state’s under-resourced education system and its students while it weathers a global pandemic and economic recession.

“As members of a coalition dedicated to racial equity in higher education access and success, we remain more committed than ever to ensuring our state’s students can go to college and graduate. Supporting Proposition 15 could generate \$2.6 to 4.6 billion per year for under-resourced schools and colleges to maintain college readiness programs, improve transfer pathways and invest in those supports that close equity gaps and improve student success,” says Jessie Ryan, Executive Vice President for the Campaign for College Opportunity.

California is ranked 39th nationally in per-pupil spending for schools and California’s community colleges continue to receive the least amount of per-pupil funding compared to the state’s public universities. Proposition 15 provides a supplemental revenue source for schools and colleges serving our neediest students to continue educating our state’s students equitably.

“Improving educational attainment in California is not only a moral imperative, but also an economic one for both the students who stand to gain from quality, affordable higher educational opportunity as well as for the state as a whole,” says Debbie Cochrane, Executive Vice President for The Institute for College Access & Success. “The passage of Proposition 15 would provide our state’s schools and community colleges with desperately needed support to help their students excel in education and beyond.”

Proposition 15 gives voters the chance to reinvest in the education of millions of students across the state which ultimately means California will have the highly educated workforce it needs to keep our economy strong.

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