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Dear Colleagues, Friends and Supporters:

This is the first time in recent history that a general, statewide tax measure such as Prop 30 has been approved by California’s voters. The passage of Prop 30 translates into the opportunity for tens of thousands of Californians to access the road to an improved quality of life. The failure of Prop 30 would have been devastating to Hartnell College and its failure would have continued to erode our ability to deliver on the promise of the California community colleges as a vehicle for transforming lives.

So many of you made telephone calls, stuffed envelopes, walked precincts and contributed in other ways to assist in the successful passage of Prop 30. We can’t thank you enough and are eternally grateful.

Even with the passage of Prop 30, we still face major financial challenges as we move forward. We are beginning to assess the overall impact of its passage and we will share very soon with all employees and stakeholders what it means for this fiscal year and just as importantly, what it means as we plan for future years.

We are of course ecstatic about the passage of Prop 30, but we know that it is not enough. We will continue to improve efficiency, effectiveness, and productivity in order to maximize the effective utilization of our resources. We will continue to seek alternative funding sources to support programs and services that contribute to student access and success.

On behalf of our Board of Trustees and everyone within the Hartnell CCD family, I again thank you for your continued support of and belief in the Hartnell Community College District.

Sincerely,

Willard Clark Lewallen, Ph.D.
Superintendent/President