Hartnell Community College District  
Resolution No. 13:1  
In Support of Recommendations from the Hartnell College Child Development Center Feasibility Study dated February 22, 2013

WHEREAS, all California community colleges have taken extensive cuts to funding over recent years, while trying to maintain child care services to families;

WHEREAS, preschool and child care funding in California has been cut by 30% over a four year period, equating to a loss of 54 funded child care slots at Hartnell College;

WHEREAS, community colleges do not receive special apportionment funding to operate on-campus child development centers (CDCs);

WHEREAS, Hartnell College student survey data demonstrates the need for continued free or low cost child care services at both CDC Main and Alisal campuses;

WHEREAS, all accumulated CDC reserves within the current fiscal year has been exhausted to sustain operations of the CDC programs while a feasibility study could be conducted to develop alternatives for a sustainable future;

WHEREAS, the feasibility study findings indicate that specific on-campus programs have a demonstrated need for child care for their students to successfully complete their studies, but do not have adequate funding to fully support on-campus child care services;

WHEREAS, the feasibility study findings indicate that community child care agencies indicate an interest in, and flexibility and capacity, to provide state funded child care services at the Hartnell College Alisal Campus;

WHEREAS, the feasibility study findings indicate that entering into a legal agreement with a community child care agency will provide programs that meet the scheduling and child care needs of Hartnell students;

WHEREAS, the feasibility study determined that the Hartnell CCD provides general fund support for all the overhead costs of CDC operations (e.g., custodial, facilities maintenance, business services, security, and utilities costs);

WHEREAS, the feasibility study determined that a portion of a CDC staff position is funded through the Hartnell CCD general fund for academic teaching responsibilities and that this annual cost is approximately $25,000;
WHEREAS, the administration does not recommend utilization of additional general fund dollars to support CDC operations because shifting general fund dollars to CDC operations would translate to a reduction in education services to all students (classes, services, programs, etc.);

WHEREAS, grant funding is ideal for funding new and innovative practices, grant funding is not recommended as a method for the sustainable operation of the CDC because of the transient nature of grant funding;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the Hartnell Community College District supports the recommendations (attached) of the Hartnell College Child Development Center Feasibility Study Report dated February 22, 2013 (supplemental data provided March 19, 2013) and authorizes the administration to implement the recommendations for the operation of the CDCs effective January 1, 2014.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this **16th day of April** by the following vote:

**AYES:** 6

**NOES:** 1 (Freeman)

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

Candi DePauw
President, Board of Trustees

ATTEST:

Willard Lewallen Ph.D.
Secretary, Board of Trustees