DATE: February 22, 2001

TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: Dr. Phillip R. Day, Jr., Chancellor

Subject: GENERAL FUND
Review and approval of Partnership for Excellence Local
Investment Survey 2000 Report for FY 2000-01
(Resolution No. 010222- B5)

BACKGROUND AND INFORMATION:

As part of the state budget process to secure ongoing support for the Partnership for Excellence Program districts and colleges have been requested to provide information to the State Chancellor’s Office about the use of Partnership funds.

The Partnership for Excellence Program fund was first initiated during Governor Wilson’s last year of office. It’s expressed purpose was twofold:

1) To provide a base of funding ($100 M per year) to the community colleges over a seven-year period, which would help close the gap in funding between California’s community colleges and the national average for funding of community colleges. The specific goal was to bring us within range of 85% of the national average; and
2) To target the use of these funds to support increased levels of student success and retention; improved transfer rates to the UC and CSU system; and other outcomes directly tied to the mission of California Community Colleges.

Governor Davis, after a bit of initial hesitancy during his first year in office, has since supported the program and provided substantial levels of funding. He has put additional emphasis on accountability and has indicated that he would not include funding this year until the May Revised and after his staff (Office of Finance) has reviewed how the college Districts have spent the funds.

Accordingly, on July 10-11, 2000 the State Board of Governors approved a resolution requiring districts to certify that they have met the conditions for expenditure of Partnership dollars starting with FY 2000-2001. The requirement further states “governing boards are required to review the actual expenditure report at a public meeting prior to transmitting it to the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges.”
At the time of distribution of the Agenda and meeting materials to the Board and the public, the Partnership for Excellence Survey Report was not complete. It will be delivered to the Board at the earliest possible time prior to the meeting and will be distributed to the general public at the February Board meeting.

RECOMMENDATION:

RESOLVED: That the Partnership for Excellence Local Investment Survey Report for FY 2000-01 is hereby reviewed and accepted by the Board of Trustees of the SFCCD, and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED: That the Chancellor, Vice Chancellor of Finance and Administration and/or their designee are hereby authorized to execute any and all documents on behalf of the District to effectuate this resolution.

James Kendrix, Originator