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On behalf of our college, I would like to explain some of the information on the enclosed expenditure reports, specifically the lack of expenditures to date, the lack of expenditures planned for the 08-09 allocation, and the nature of the expenditures planned for the 07-08 allocation.

No expenditures to date (for current fiscal year)

To date our college has been planning responses to the current fiscal crisis affecting all public institutions in California. Specifically, we have been anticipating the affects of a potential mid-year cut in funding to community colleges. Second, we have begun a concerted effort to coordinate all funding for and interventions in our institution's efforts to improve outcomes for students at the developmental level. What this means is that other grants and special funds have funded certain interventions, and BSI funds will fund other initiatives. This coordination has taken some time, and it will continue. Third and finally, we are scrupulously following all guidelines about allocations of BSI funds to ensure that these funds will be expended not only legally, but also in the most effective way possible. For these three reasons, our college has not expended any funds since the beginning of this fiscal year.

No expenditures planned this year for the 08-09 allocation

Knowing that funds from 06-07 and 07-08 will sunset before the most recent allocation, I have directed all planned expenditures to be made from previous year's allocations. We had already spent down the first allocation for 06-07 (representing 05-06 funds), and next we will be expending the remaining funds from the second installment of 06-07 funds (approximately 90k) on tutoring in math, ESL, Reading, and Writing at the developmental level.

Nature of expenditures planned for 07-08 allocation

All of the expenditures planned for 06-07 (90k) and 07-08 (91k) follow the detailed plan that our college submitted for the 08-09 expenditures. In other words, we are following the plan with the only difference being where the funds are coming from.

I would be happy to provide further details to explain or clarify any of our BSI efforts here at De Anza College.

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