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Dear Las Positas Family:

Welcome to the 2015-2016 school year! The summer break is ending and school will begin soon. Everyone from the Chabot-Las Positas Community College District will be coming together on the morning of Thursday, August 13th and later in meeting rooms across the Chabot College campus. This is one of the rare opportunities for the whole District to meet, sharing and learning from each other about important educational, governance, political, and fiscal issues.

Following the morning District meetings, the Las Positas College family will be meeting in a variety of forums to help provide a focus on the planning priorities and major activities of the year. We will begin on Thursday afternoon at 1:00 PM with a "state-of-the-college" presentation. This will be followed by a full day of large and small group work on Friday, August 14, back on the Las Positas College campus. On Friday we will also gather for a hosted lunch in the LPC cafeteria.

On page 2 is a detailed schedule of the activities. Please note that some items are subject to change.

As we move into the 2015-2016 year, I want to provide you with a first look at the four planning priorities that were given to the campus through the shared governance process this past year. These priorities are:

1. Establish regular and ongoing processes to implement best practices to meet ACCJC standards.
2. Provide necessary institutional support for curriculum development and maintenance.
3. Develop processes to facilitate ongoing meaningful assessment of SLOs and integrate assessment of SLOs into college processes.
4. Expand tutoring services to meet demand and support student success in Basic Skills, CTE, and Transfer courses.

You will be hearing more about these priorities in Town Meetings and committee meetings all year as we proceed through the Planning and Budget Cycle for the second year. In addition, you will learn more about the upcoming Accreditation Visit, the Educational Master Plan, the new classroom building, and many other exciting activities on campus. Also, please add Tuesday, September 15 on your calendars as LPC's flex day.

Personally, I am very excited about beginning my second full year as president of Las Positas College. The potential for this institution is great and the quality of leadership among the faculty, staff, and administrators is outstanding. Your involvement and support is an important ingredient in this success...and this will begin on Thursday, August 13th.

See you soon,

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President