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### Reaffirmation of Core Values and Principles

*In response to severe budget reductions that began in 2002 and continued for several years, the Board of Trustees adopted a "Reaffirmation and Recommitment to Core Values and Operating Principles" statement in 2004 that was intended to help guide faculty and staff decision-making regarding necessary budget reductions. As economic circumstances faced by California Community Colleges continued to decline, that statement was re-examined, edited, and re-adopted in December 2009 and again in June 2012.*

*The District's financial situation has stabilized within the last 18 months and even begun to improve due to several factors. In June 2010, voters in San Mateo County approved the first-ever California Community College parcel tax, a four-year measure which helped alleviate some of the downward budget pressures the District had been experiencing. Over the past 18 months, the demise of local Redevelopment Agencies (RDAs) has returned millions in property taxes to the District. Most recently, achievement of "community supported status" (where the District's operating funds are derived primarily from local property taxes and student enrollment fees) has provided a much more stable and growing source of income than that derived from State Apportionment.*

*Given these changed economic circumstances, the San Mateo County Community College District has a unique opportunity to commit itself to a bold vision of expanding educational opportunities to meet the community's needs and to provide the staffing and resources to fund it. The San Mateo County Community College District Board of Trustees commits itself to the following Core Values and Principles:*

- **Student-Centered Mission:** The Board recognizes each individual's right to education and commits itself to providing the occasions and settings that will allow our students to develop their minds and skills, engage their spirits, broaden their