



Peralta Community College District

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Peralta Community College District was formed by vote of the electorate in Cities of Alameda, Albany, Emeryville, Oakland, and Piedmont, California, to operate a junior college system of education, commencing July 1, 1964. As of that date the junior college program operated by the Oakland Unified District was transferred to the Peralta Community College District. The District, including all colleges, is a non-profit public education system. It is supported principally by local property taxes, state basic aid, and student fees.

The District covers approximately 78 square miles, has a strategic geographic position, being traversed by Interstate Highways 80, 580, and 880, which contains an international airport and a deep water port. The District consist of four colleges and the District Administrative Center (DAC). With the exception of the DAC, all of the buildings were built in the early 1970s. The DAC was constructed in 1980. The total District is comprised of approximately 30 structures.

The District maintains the College of Alameda, Laney College, Merritt College, and Berkeley City College. Our total annual resident full-time equivalent student (FTES) target for the 2012-13 academic year is 18,500. The District expects attendance to remain stable over the next five to seven years.

A Board of Trustees consisting of seven members and two students governs the District. Members are elected to four-year terms in alternative slots. Elections are held every two years. The student body-at-large elects two student trustees yearly.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ronald Gerhard".

Ronald Gerhard
Vice Chancellor of Finance & Administration