



# Peralta Community College District

January 13, 2026

To Whom It May Concern:

The Peralta Community College District was formed by vote of the electorate in the 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 a political subdivision of the state of California and is exempt from federal taxation. The District 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 consists of four colleges and the District Administration Center (DAC). 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 2025-26 academic year is 14,623.

A Board of Trustees consisting of seven members and two students governs the District. Members are elected to four-year terms in alternating 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 "Marla Williams-Powell".

Dr. Marla Williams-Powell  
Associate Vice Chancellor of Finance & Administration