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Chairman Tyree, Chancellor Watson, members of the Board, Officers of the District, faculty, staff and all others present: Good morning! I hope that you had a wonderful and relaxing summer.

What a magnificent facility! We all should be proud of the City Colleges' accomplishment. The new Kennedy-King is already paying off dividends with a double-digit percentage increase in enrollment. The old adage has proven correct: "Build it and they will come." But I'm also a tad jealous as I imagine many people are from the other colleges. I know I'm not the only one thinking, "I want the *new* Richard J. Daley College!" or "I want the *new* Olive-Harvey College!" However, the Chancellor has proposed an ambitious capital building campaign that seeks to rebuild and expand the campuses of many of the City Colleges as part of a long-term strategy to keep us a vital part of the communities we serve.

Unfortunately with the budget crisis the state is facing, it may be quite a while before the next project begins. Nonetheless, I hope that when the time comes for lobbying for funding for these important projects, the Chancellor and the Board do not forget the most important voices that can be influential in urging law-makers to loosen the purse strings: our students. I've often thought that perhaps the most effective way to mobilize students is to bus a large number of them out to my alma mater, Elgin Community College, or to Moraine Valley or to the College of DuPage, to show them what they should have and ask them why they don't. I'm just one vote. Chancellor, you're one vote. Chairman, you're one vote. But ten thousand students...

Speaking of students, at Daley College during Faculty Development Week, one of our professors invited representatives from the FBI to do a presentation on violence in schools and how to recognize when a student may be ready to commit violence. They profiled the types and offered a multifaceted strategy on how to deal with a possible situation, starting with good security, an aware faculty and staff and ready access to counseling. When these FBI agents were told that the City Colleges did not have a counseling department, they were shocked.

Last May, Chancellor, you visited Daley College for your annual campus visit. In fact, it was the day after my Board presentation in which I focused on the need for counseling services. At Daley that morning you talked about the next Town Hall meeting for broadcast on WYCC this fall: domestic violence. You also mentioned that when you made this same announcement at another college you were approached after the meeting by a woman who tearfully thanked you for bringing up this important issue and that she was currently in an abusive relationship and needed help. I find it ironic that the City Colleges is going to focus on domestic violence but we have no one qualified at our campuses to assist the women (and men) who may come forward and ask for help.

The Faculty Council is aware that the City Colleges cannot reconstitute the Counselors as they were before. However, we urge you to reexamine the issue and reinstitute counseling services on our campuses.

Respectfully submitted,

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