

May 27, 2020 #EquityChat

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Chancellor of Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District (@gcccdtweets),
Dr. Sunny Cooke (@MiraCostaPrez),
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[@SDMesaPrez](#) Good evening and welcome to #EquityChat w/your #equityavengers @lamkeithcurry & @SDMesaPrez!
Joining us is @CalCommColleges CEOs @MiraCostaPrez & @DrLynnNeault! Welcome to #EquityChat!
[@lamkeithcurry](#) @DrLynnNeault you ready..

[@SDMesaPrez](#) Our first question tonight for @MiraCostaPrez & @DrLynnNeault is What is your why for Equity?
#EquityChat @lamkeithcurry @SDMesaPrez

QT [@MiraCostaPrez](#) My native country (India) has a legacy of a caste system (anti Equity) so being part of the world's largest educational system promoting equity for historically marginalized students is a life-long journey! Our students come with many dreams & we help them realize #equitychat

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[@lamkeithcurry](#) Q2. Right now we are preparing the 2020-2021 budgets for our campuses, how is the @CalCommColleges budget impacting your equity work on your campuses? @NeaultLynn @MiraCostaPrez @SDMesaPrez #EquityChat

[@DrLynnNeault](#) Equity is front and center of all discussions...deeply committed to not impact our equity work#equityavengers

QT [@MiraCostaPrez](#) These are incredibly challenging times! What we learned in the last recession can serve us well about how to focus on those most vulnerable in our population so they can continue pursue an educational journey to a productive career. We must be intentional&inclusive #equitychats

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[@SDMesaPrez](#) So true @MiraCostaPrez -we will have to prioritize at a time when there are few resources to serve our students. #EquityChat

[@ahandsintheair](#) It is so important to remember what we have overcome and to learn from our past. Intentionality, with an equity lens, is a clear path through what lies ahead. Like our students we are strong, resilient and capable of doing hard things with resolve, passion and focus. #equitychats

[@ahandsintheair](#) And....our focus is on what matters, not money! That will always blaze a path towards equity #equitychats

[@BridgetHerrin](#) It helps when true Equity-mindedness lives in every corner of campus and is not just viewed as a funding source or a series of programs. #equitychat

QT [@lamkeithcurry](#) Follow up-to Q2. How are you getting buy-in from your campus on the budget?

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<https://twitter.com/MiraCostaPrez/status/1265800301484761089?s=20>

[@SDMesaPrez](#) Thinking about resources, the May @GavinNewsom budget removed\$ 4 #basicneeds -Many students lost jobs due 2 COVID19 exacerbating these challenges, how are you keeping them connected to your colleges, what's making an impact? @MiraCostaPrez @lynn_neault @lamkeithcurry #EquityChat

QT [@MiraCostaPrez](#) For remote learning we began contacting students, providing free laptops and customized emergency kits & connected to other resources. @MiraCosta was on lookout for students in need. We MUST fund our CA CC & Strong Workforce @GavinNewsom. This is our future! #equitychats

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QT [@lynn_neault](#) Amazing #GCCCD faculty and staff are keeping students connected and letting them know we care.

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[@SDMesaPrez](#) Are you hearing themes in terms of ways that our outreach is helping?

QT [@lynn_neault](#) Fear of uncertainty. They need to hear from us.

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[@lynn_neault](#) To bring hope for the future

[@SDMesaPrez](#) Agreed!

[@lamkeithcurry](#) Q4. Over the past couple of years, we have talked about @GoCalbright and online instruction for our students, how are your campuses supporting students in the online environment? @MiraCostaPrez @NeaultLynn @SDMesaPrez #EquityChat

QT [@MiraCostaPrez](#) We r also finding ways to do remote internships & help with badly needed jobs @MiraCosta. #equitychats

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[@SDMesaPrez](#) Remote internships and work experience are fantastic ways to stay connected and advance student progress #EquityChat

QT [@MiraCostaPrez](#) Supporting @MiraCosta students w all the resources- counseling, fin aid, emergency grants, mental health support, tutoring, office hours, connecting to community resources. WE ARE DOING THIS. #equitychats

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[@SDMesaPrez](#) Q5-Last question for our guests @MiraCostaPrez @MiraCosta & @lynn_neault @gcccdtweets -What are you reading? @lamkeithcurry #EquityChat

QT [@lynn_neault](#) Just finished Educated...powerful testament to education and our equity work...must read! #juniorequityavenger

<https://twitter.com/SDMesaPrez/status/1265808721059254273?s=20>

[@SDMesaPrez](#) It was an amazing read-also suggest @Drlbram How to Be an Antiracist -

[@SDMesaPrez](#) What a great evening w/ @MiraCostaPrez & @lynn_neault on #EquityChat. TY for joining us and for your work as @CalCommColleges #equitychampions. @lamkeithcurry has news on next weeks program.

[@lamkeithcurry](#) Next week, June 3, 2020, is Freestyle Wednesday#EquityChat. We post the questions, and audience members answer the questions. Please join us at 5:00 p.m. @SDMesaPrez @lamkeithcurry @CalCommColleges #EquityChat