CSU to Receive Additional $200 million Cut If November Taxes Don't Pass

The California State University received no new funding in the Governor's 2012-13 budget, thus making permanent the recent $750 million cut to the system. Without any new level of support, the university is seeing the lowest state funding in 15 years.

If flat funding wasn't enough, the Governor has also proposed a potential "trigger cut" of an additional $200 million making the two year cut $950 million or almost 35 percent. An additional cut of $200 million is equal to denying admission to 27,000 students and is more than the current state funding of CSU's four smallest campuses combined.

In two of the last four fiscal years, state support to the CSU has been dramatically reduced, forcing the CSU's Board of Trustees to approve sizable tuition fee increases, reduce enrollment, implement furloughs and eliminate programs and services -- to name a few. Revenue from tuition hikes have not kept pace with state funding cuts. For the current academic year, the tuition increases raised approximately $300 million, but the CSU's budget sustained a $750 million cut.

While the university will continue to work with the Administration and the legislature to avoid further cuts, if the triggers are pulled the university will struggle to continue offering the same number of courses to the same number of students while maintaining quality.

The CSU believes California must make public higher education a priority again, otherwise the state's economy will find itself without the necessary educated workforce it needs to fully recover.