

We the students of Laney College are gravely concerned about the impending budget cuts of Disabled Students Programs and Services, DSPS. These services are essential to student access, retention, and success for students with disabilities to fulfill their educational goals. We have witnessed the devastating budget cuts of categorical programs over two years. Consequently, such programs such as DSPS are operating at a maximum level to provide services but with minimal resources. Future cuts to DSPS will, in fact, destroy the program and students will not receive services which means denying students access to services. This violates state and federal laws. Equally important there will be the dysfunction of being able to deliver services in a timely manner which again violates state and federal laws. Therefore, we are requesting the college to not cut or eliminate any positions in DSPS as ultimately this will jeopardize the student's access and will violate the civil rights of students with disabilities. If there are future cuts to DSPS personnel, this will force us to take legal action. The following signatures were collected today April 12, 2011 between 1:30pm and 5 pm. We will collect more signatures if necessary. Thank you for your time.

(list provided to Trustees)