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**SUFFOLK COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE ANNOUNCES
AGREEMENT WITH SUFFOLK COUNTY LEGISLATURE TO
MINIMIZE TUITION INCREASE**

Selden, NY—Suffolk County Community College, working in conjunction with the Suffolk County Legislature, announced today a plan to minimize tuition increases for its more than 26,000 students and their families during the 2011-2012 academic year. As a result, full-time tuition for County residents will now be \$3,990 -- an increase of \$214 from the 2010-2011 academic year. This allows the College to continue to provide the lowest college tuition in Suffolk County and remain competitive with neighboring community colleges.

The College originally prepared a streamlined operating budget request for the forthcoming fiscal year. The County originally proposed a 0% increase in County support for the operating budget. On the State side, the College was asked to absorb a third year of cuts to State aid. As a result, the only remaining revenue source left for the College to consider as it sought to balance its budget was student tuition. However, in an effort to continue to provide affordable access to higher quality education and minimize tuition increases, the College and the Suffolk County Legislature worked in partnership to create a plan resulting in \$386,000 in additional support from the County, which will be matched with an additional \$386,000 in cost savings from the College. Taken together, this will allow the College tuition to remain below \$4,000.

“We appreciate the support and consideration of the Suffolk County Legislature in our efforts to minimize tuition increases,” said Dr. Shaun L. McKay, President of Suffolk County Community College. “As the largest community college in New York, we will continue to work diligently to meet the full needs of our students and valued communities. In addition, by keeping tuition affordable, we are able to keep Suffolk County’s students right here in Suffolk County.”

About Suffolk County Community College

Suffolk County Community College (SCCC) is the largest community college in the State University of New York (SUNY) system, enrolling approximately 26,000 students at its three campuses in Selden, Brentwood and Riverhead. SCCC offers the Associate in Arts (A.A.), Associate in Science (A.S.), and Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.) degrees, as well as a variety of certificate programs. Offering affordable college tuition on Long Island, a highly respected Honors program, extensive extracurricular activities, championship athletic teams, and

numerous unified transfer programs, SCCC is a first-choice college for Long Island students.
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