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MEMORANDUM

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**TO: Presidents, State Operated Campus
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SUBJECT: 2009-10 Spending Reductions

Today, Governor David Patterson and Budget Director Robert Megna announced across-the-board state spending reductions totaling \$500 Million, including a \$90 million spending reduction for the SUNY state-operated campuses. Although the community colleges and other entities funded through Aid-to-Localities were not included, further actions will be required to resolve the state's current year deficit. Governor Patterson stated: "These agency spending reductions, however, only represent a first step. I look forward to working cooperatively with the Legislature to enact additional savings and close our current-year deficit."

The attached letter from Director Megna indicates the cut is an 11% reduction to non personal service. Please note that the exact method used to calculate the amount for SUNY is unclear at this time. The \$90 million reduction is equivalent to a 6.6% reduction in state support, and an overall 3.7% reduction in the core operating budget.

I plan to convene a panel of campus president/business officer teams to provide advice and guidance on how to implement this latest round of reductions as well as discuss the development of the 2010-11 budget request. I will schedule a conference call for later this week with presidents to discuss the budget.

The fiscal challenges facing New York require us to be creative and forward thinking in our response. I look forward to our discussions.