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Dear Continuing DSS Student,

As you may already be aware, California is in the midst of a devastating fiscal crisis. As a result, DSS programs across the state are facing the possibility of unprecedented decreases in funding. Unfortunately for students, these cuts would negatively impact the level of services that DSS has been fortunate enough to provide in the past. To prepare for a reduction in funding, difficult changes have been made to the DSS Program for the 2009-2010 academic year. Due to the 39% budget cuts for DSS we will no longer offer DSS tutoring or LRNSK 60. If you need tutoring services, please go to the tutoring area on the DVC web site, <http://dvc.edu/org/departments/tutoring-services> for other tutoring services at DVC.

Due to budget constraints, DSS will be limiting bulk mailings this year. Please be sure to read any emails you may receive from the DSS office and check the DSS web-page, [www.dvc.edu/dss](http://www.dvc.edu/dss) for updates on the DSS program.

If you have any questions regarding the state budget cuts or need referrals to other student support services please stop by the DSS Office in the Student Services Center, Room 202A or call 925-685-1230 ext. 2546. As in previous financially difficult times, the Diablo Valley DSS staff remains committed to serving and supporting our students.

Sincerely,

Stacey Shears  
DSS Manager