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NEWS FROM STUDENTS FOR QUALITY EDUCATION

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Media Advisory

**CSU Students for Quality Education stage ‘die-in’, hold news conference to denounce proposed tuition increase**

CSU Dominguez Hills — At 1:00pm Monday, Oct. 31 (PST), students will be holding a die-in to raise awareness about the serious impacts the privatization of higher education by the Board of Trustees, is causing on our state university students. The die-in will be followed by a news conference where students will announce their plans to shut down Chancellor White’s plans to increase tuition by 5%.  
Members of the campus and local news media are invited to attend:

**Student ‘Die-in’ and news conference** @ 1:00pm (PST)

North Lawn in front of LSU

CSU Dominguez Hills

<http://www4.csudh.edu/campus-map-directions/campus-map/>

**BACKGROUND**

The CSU Board of Trustees will discuss raising tuition for students across the California State University system during its Nov. 15-16 Trustees meeting.

Between 2002-2012, tuition in the CSU went up 283%, making this generation of CSU students pay more for their education than ever before in history. This year marks the end of a CSU statewide tuition freeze that students fought for, and Chancellor White has already suggested a 5% tuition increase.

Students are already suffering from homelessness, hunger, and fair access and affordability to their higher education; tuition increases are not an option, as students and members SQE are advocating. The group is set to stage a die-in and hold a news conference, where they will announce plans to shut down any plans to increase student tuition that will force more students to drop out of college. They are calling for a movement that says “Enough!” with the privatization of higher education; students deserve free and quality higher education in California.

SQE also has launched an online effort to share stories from students, using [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/SQEStatewide/?fref=ts), [Twitter](https://twitter.com/CSUSQEstatewide) and the [SQE site](http://csusqe.org/) to help students unite in the fight against tuition increases.

Students, faculty and community members can submit their story at <http://csusqe.org/dearbot/> and follow the conversation on social media using #DearBOT, #TheWalkingDebt, and #ReclaimTheCSU.

**ABOUT STUDENTS FOR QUALITY EDUCATION (SQE)**: [Students for Quality Education](http://csusqe.org/) (SQE) is a statewide student coalition, with eighteen chapters throughout the California State University system. SQE believes education should be accessible and affordable to all students. Formed in 2007-2008 to build a student movement for educational rights in public higher education, they work closely with the California Faculty Association to #ReclaimTheCSU.

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