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In 1960, California leaders made a promise through the Master Plan for Higher Education to provide a place in college for every student who seeks it.

This historic Master Plan created the public higher education segments as we know them today (Community College, California State University, and University of California). This visionary promise of 1960 allowed an unprecedented number of students to access a public higher education and helped establish California as an economic leader by providing the state with an educated workforce.

That promise is now at risk. As California's young population grows larger and larger, the state has not yet made a plan or commitment to provide adequate space or funding in our community colleges and Universities for this expected growth.

The Master Plan for Higher Education of 1960:

- Promised that **every qualified student** wishing to pursue a college education would have access to a public college or university.
- **Established the three segments** of public higher education; Community Colleges (109), California State University (23), and the University of California (10).
- **Allowed California to become an economic leader** by developing an educated workforce.

Today, **California is experiencing a growing population of college-aged students** and California leaders have not planned for this growth.

