# AMPLIFYING THE VOICE OF STUDENTS WHO LEFT:

# HIGHLIGHTING OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHANGE





We wanted to gain insight into why students were stopping/dropping out. The study employed two open-ended questions and identified themes. Also, a binary logistic regression was conducted on locally queried data.

1 IN 4 RCCD STUDENTS DROP-OUT/STOP-OUT (AVERAGE RATE FROM 2016-2020)



#### REASONS FOR NO LONGER BEING ENROLLED:

FINANCIAL/WORK OR LOGISTICS

41%

PERSONAL/WELL-BEING

32%

**INSTITUTION SYSTEM OR POLICY** 

18%

COURSE/CURRICULUM/MODALITY

14%

LACK OF GUIDANCE/SUPPORT



### WHAT CAN WE DO FOR YOU TO RETURN?

COURSE/CURRICULUM/POLICY

46%

PERSONAL FINANCIAL



**GUIDANCE** 



#### **SURVEY RESULTS**

- Q1's top 3 most cited response subcategories were Personal well being, Work-related, and Financial reasons.
- Q2's top 3 most cited response subcategories were Affordability, More Online Courses, and General Counseling.
- 75% of respondents emphasized that they planned to return.



## **LOGISTIC REGRESSION**



- Male students were 24% more likely to leave.
- Black and Hispanic males were more likely to leave than White student males.
- First Generation College students were 24% more likely to leave.
- Foster youth were 65% more likely to leave.
- EOPS students were 37% LESS likely to leave.