At our district-wide meeting on August 15, English faculty from all four colleges unanimously approved the following:

We object to District Administration adding a note in the schedule to English 1A class sections advising students they they can ignore the prerequisite for the class, for the following reasons:

1. This advice is inconsistent with decisions made by English faculty from all four colleges at district-wide AB 705 meetings throughout last year.
2. This note was added to the schedule over the objections of English faculty chairs.
3. This note is out of compliance with official decisions of the colleges’ curriculum committees and CIPD; by making it, Peralta District Administration usurped faculty purview..
4. This action undermines the collegial work of the English Departments at the four colleges over the last four years.

Therefore, we urge that the note be removed and that, in the future, no such actions be taken without the consent of the English faculty representatives (chairs) from the four colleges and the District Academic Senate.

The note that was added to all sections of English 1A in the district (the underlined portion is the part that was added, underlining mine):

PREREQUISITE: ENGL 201B or 264B or ESL 21B or ESL 52B or Placement through multiple measures.
Important note: You may directly register for this course without meeting the above prerequisites. For Guided Self Placement, please see a counselor.