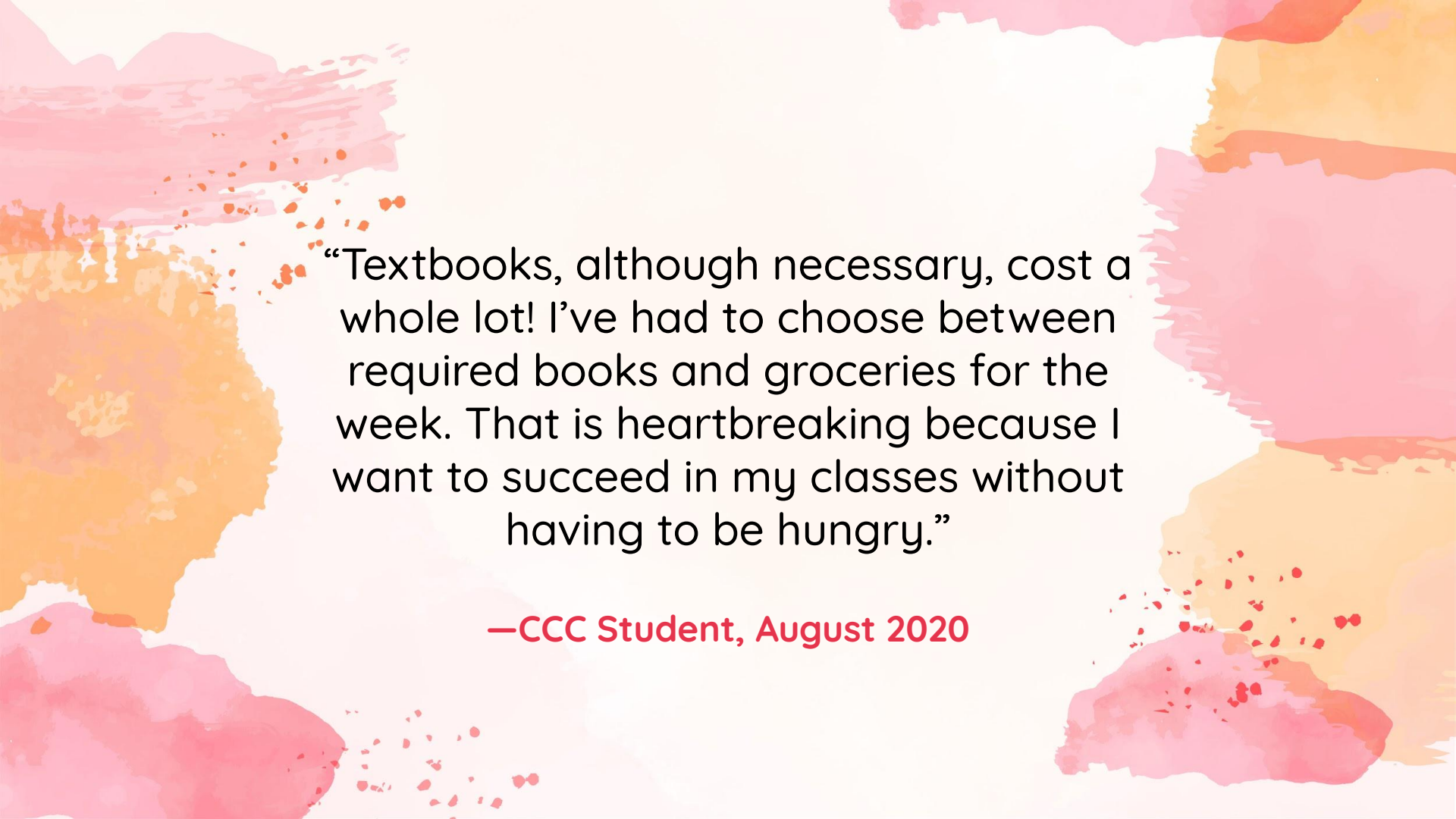




# *Achieving Equity with OER and ZTC*

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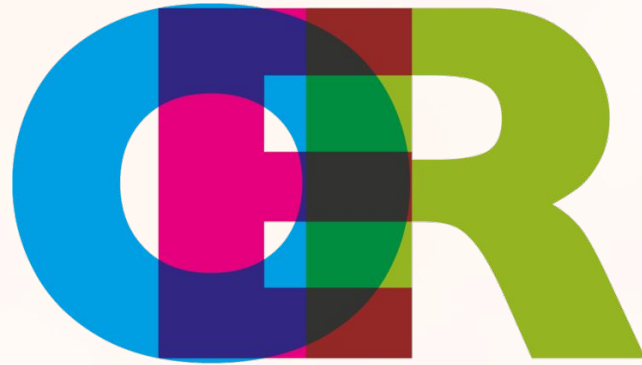
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“Textbooks, although necessary, cost a whole lot! I’ve had to choose between required books and groceries for the week. That is heartbreaking because I want to succeed in my classes without having to be hungry.”

—CCC Student, August 2020

**OERs are freely available learning materials that can be copied, edited, and shared to better serve all students.**



**OPEN EDUCATIONAL  
RESOURCES**

**Zero Textbook Cost (ZTC) means that students do not incur any costs for purchasing course materials, including:**

- **books**
- **readers**
- **software**
- **access codes**
- **other materials**

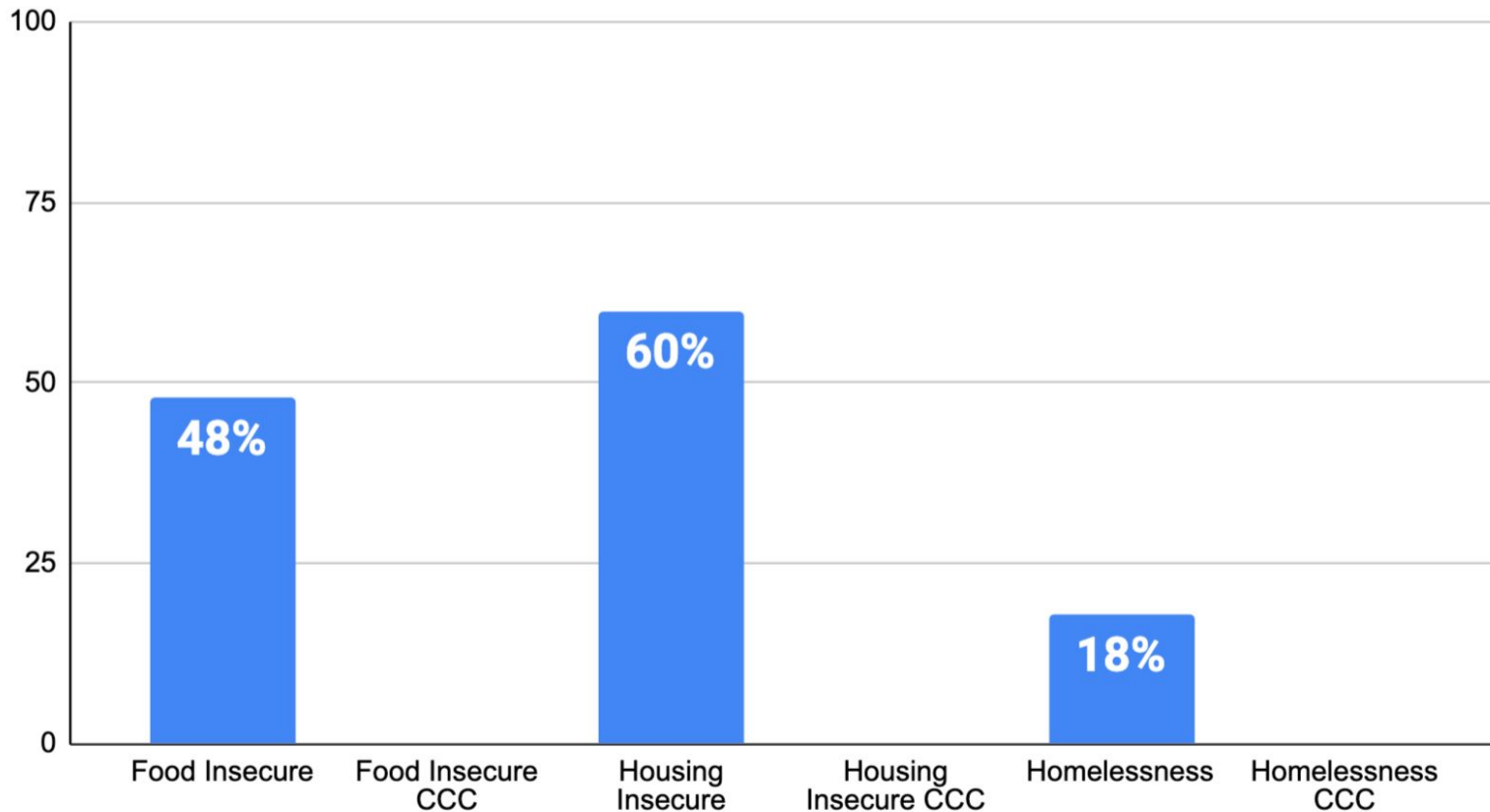


# *OER Alignment with CCC's Goals*

- Equity
- Student Success & Retention
- Guided Pathways
- Antiracism in Curricula

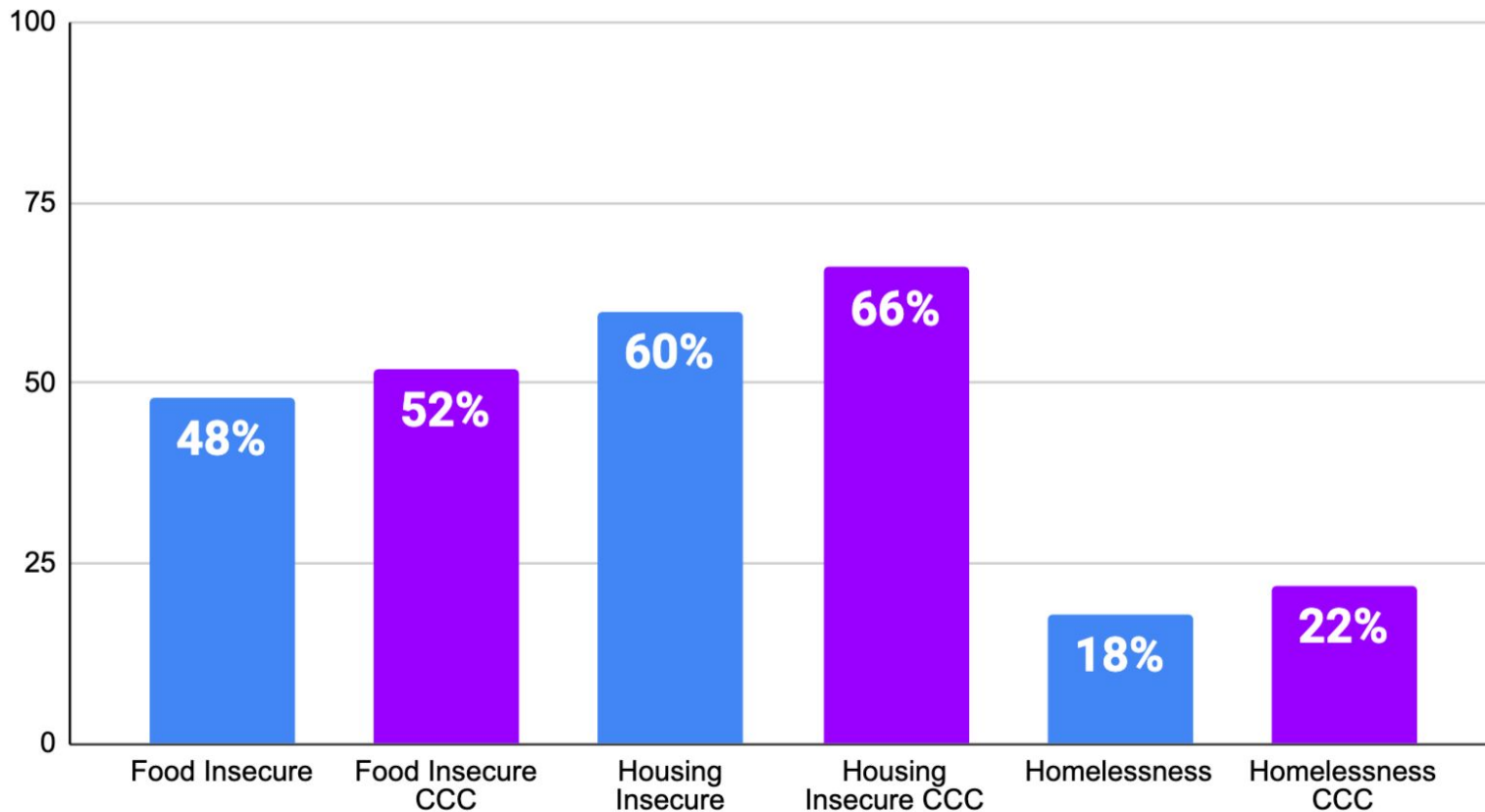
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# Basic Needs Insecurity - Statewide and at CCC

2019

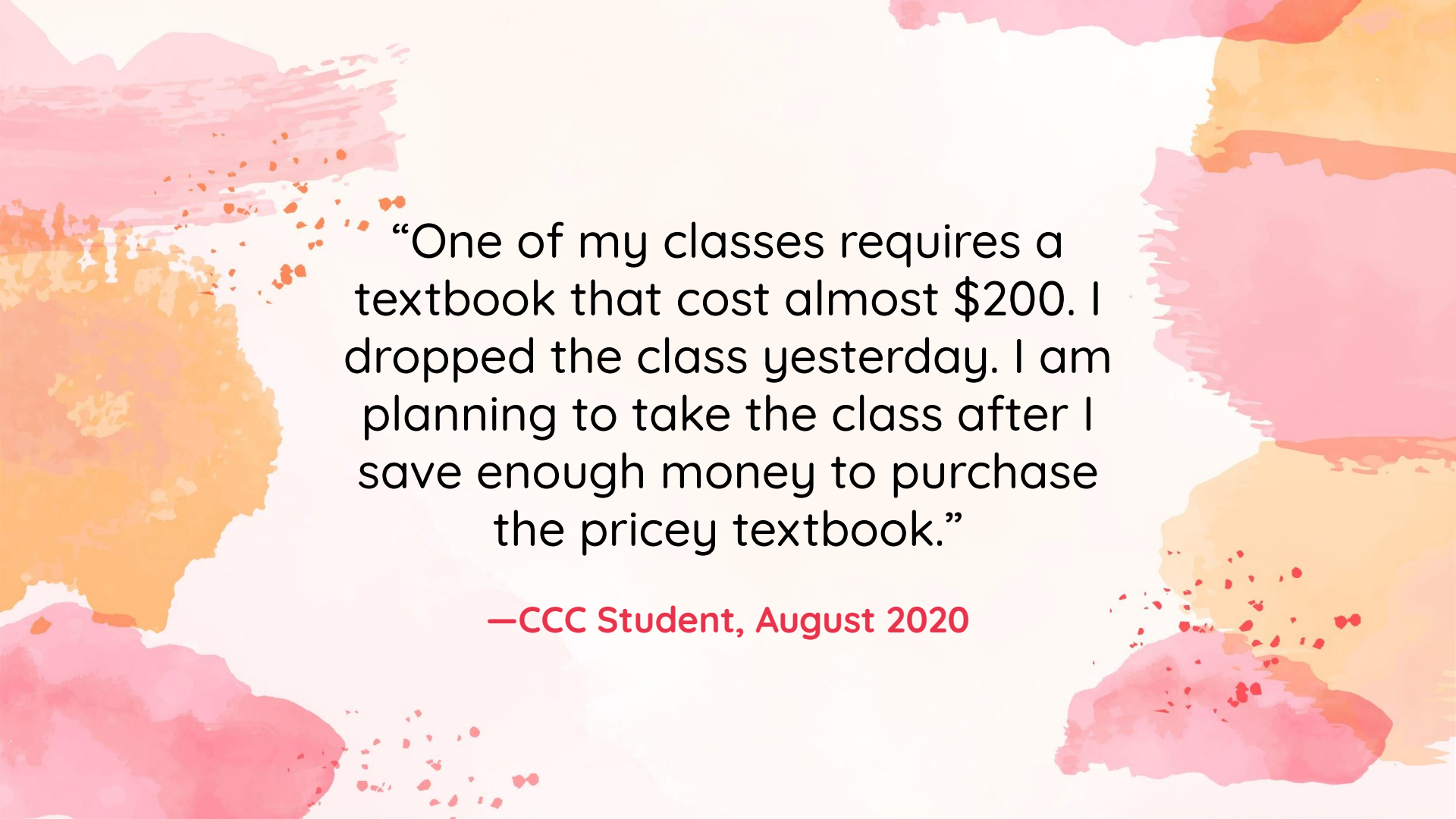


# Have you ever dropped a course because you could not afford to buy the textbook?

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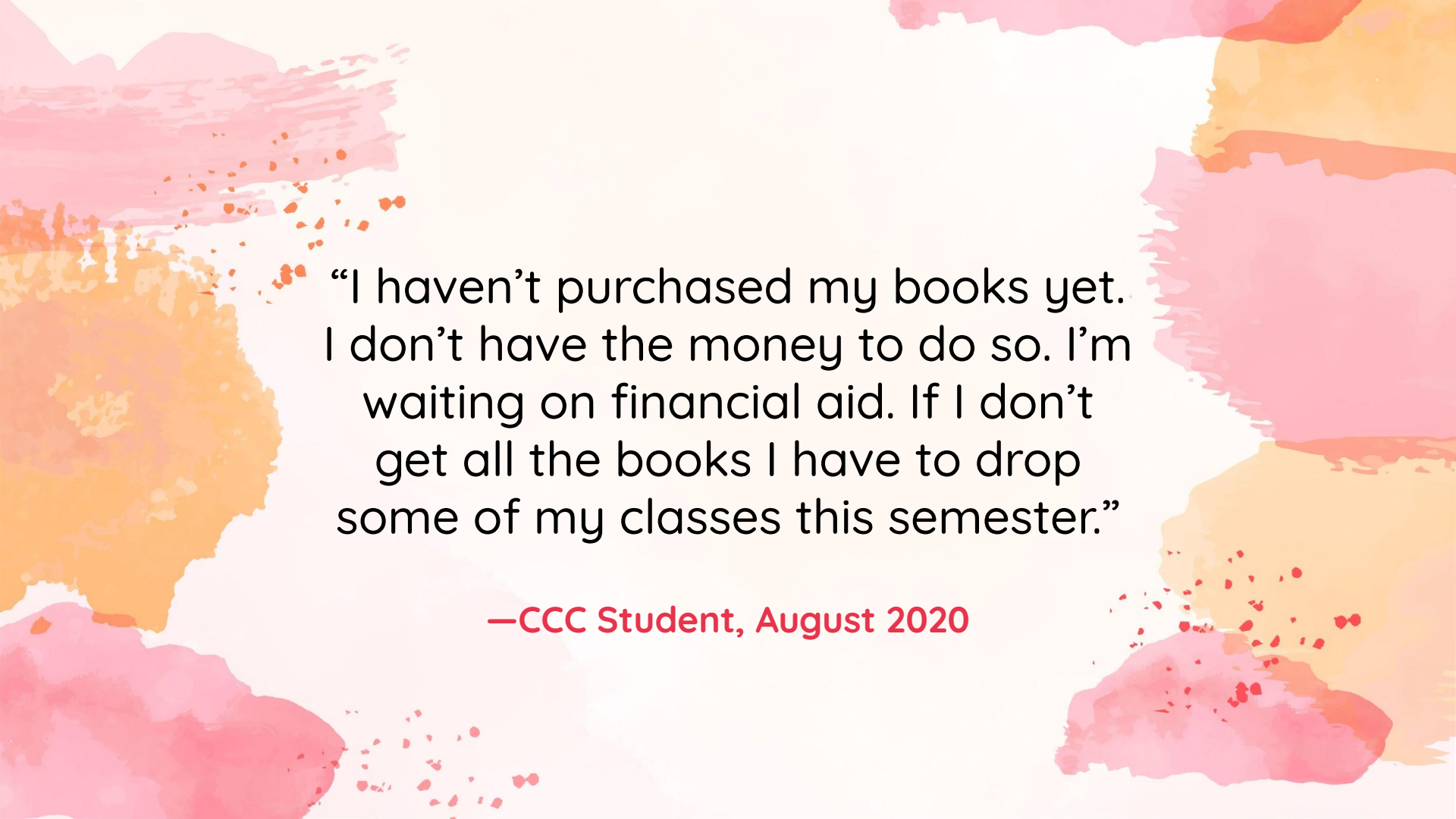






“One of my classes requires a textbook that cost almost \$200. I dropped the class yesterday. I am planning to take the class after I save enough money to purchase the pricey textbook.”

—CCC Student, August 2020

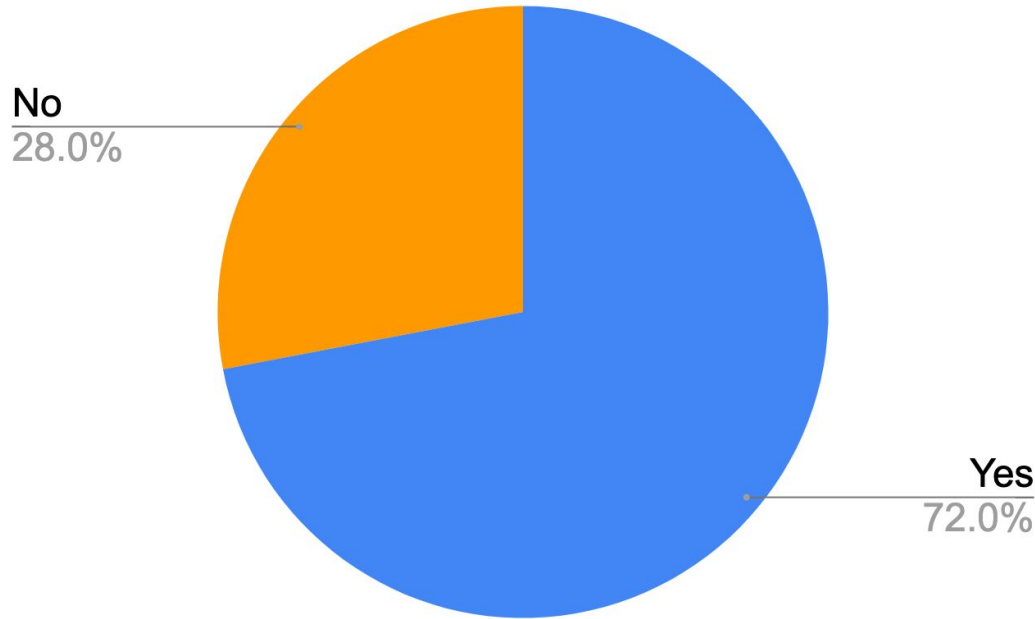


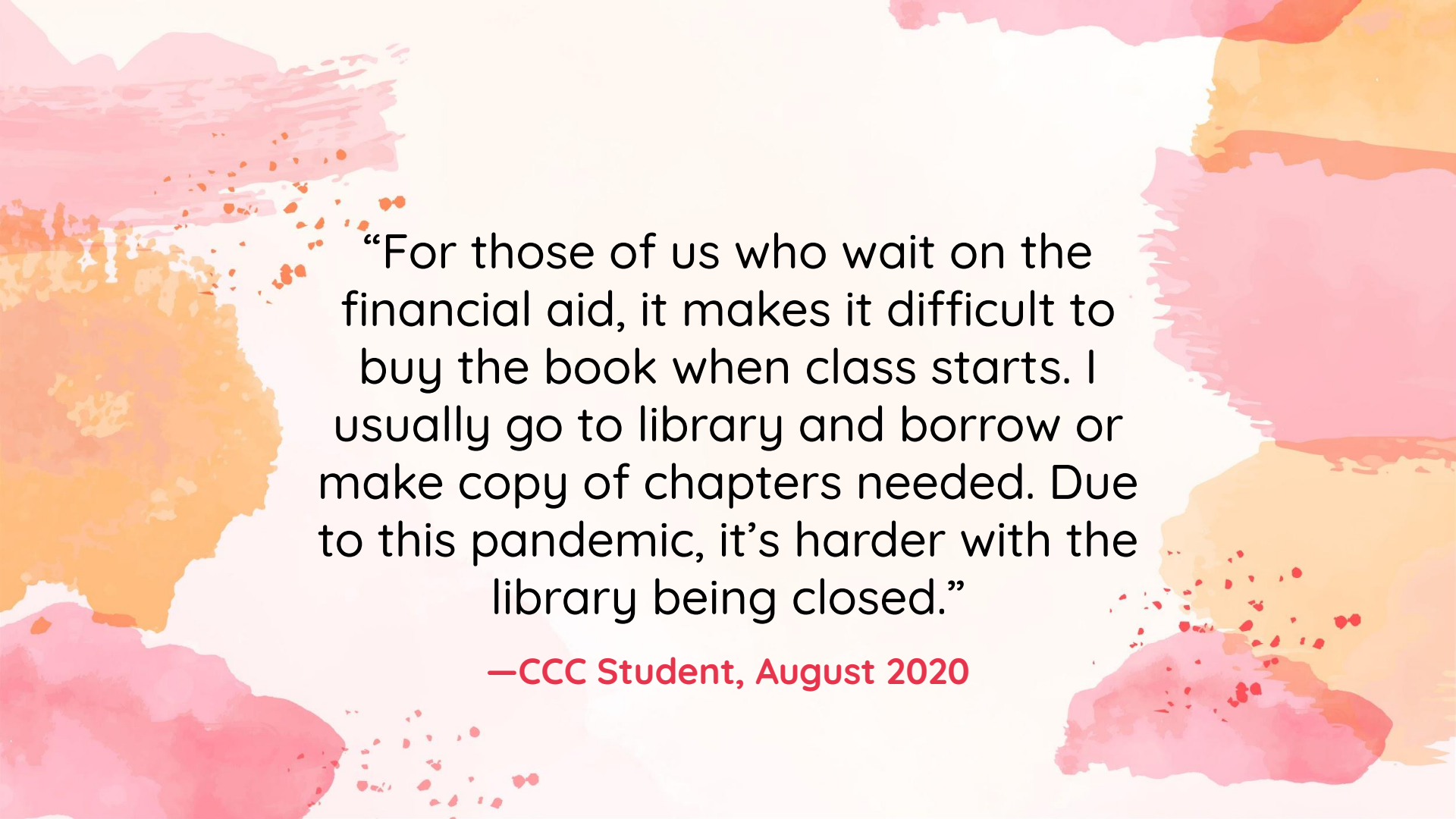
“I haven’t purchased my books yet. I don’t have the money to do so. I’m waiting on financial aid. If I don’t get all the books I have to drop some of my classes this semester.”

—CCC Student, August 2020

*Have you had to borrow a book from a classmate, faculty member, or the library because you could not afford to buy the textbook?*

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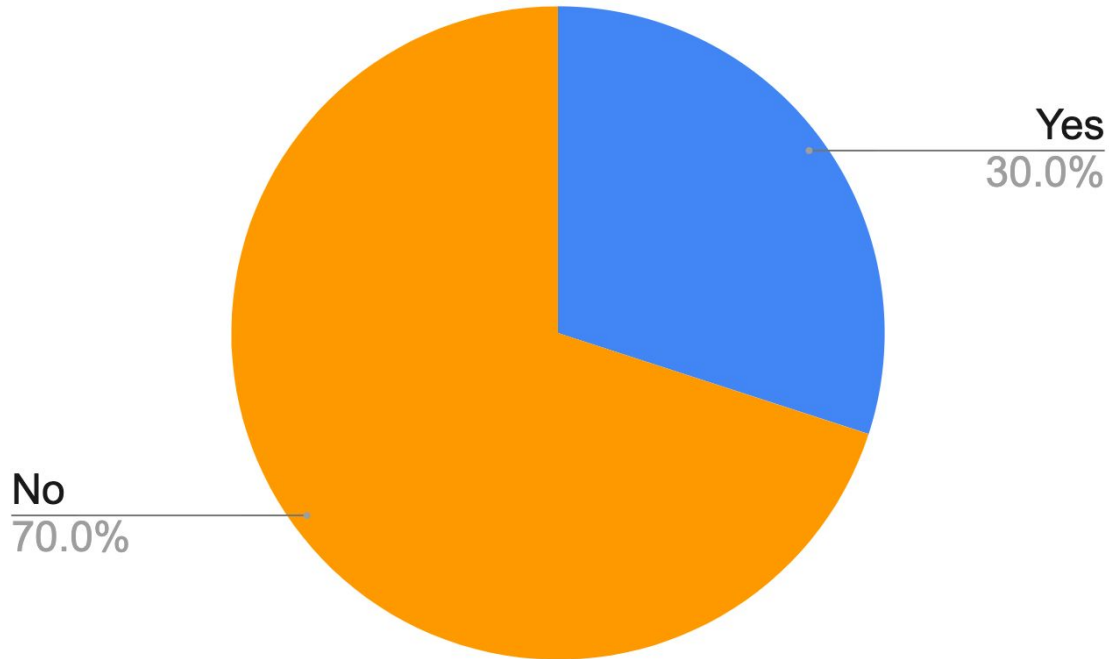


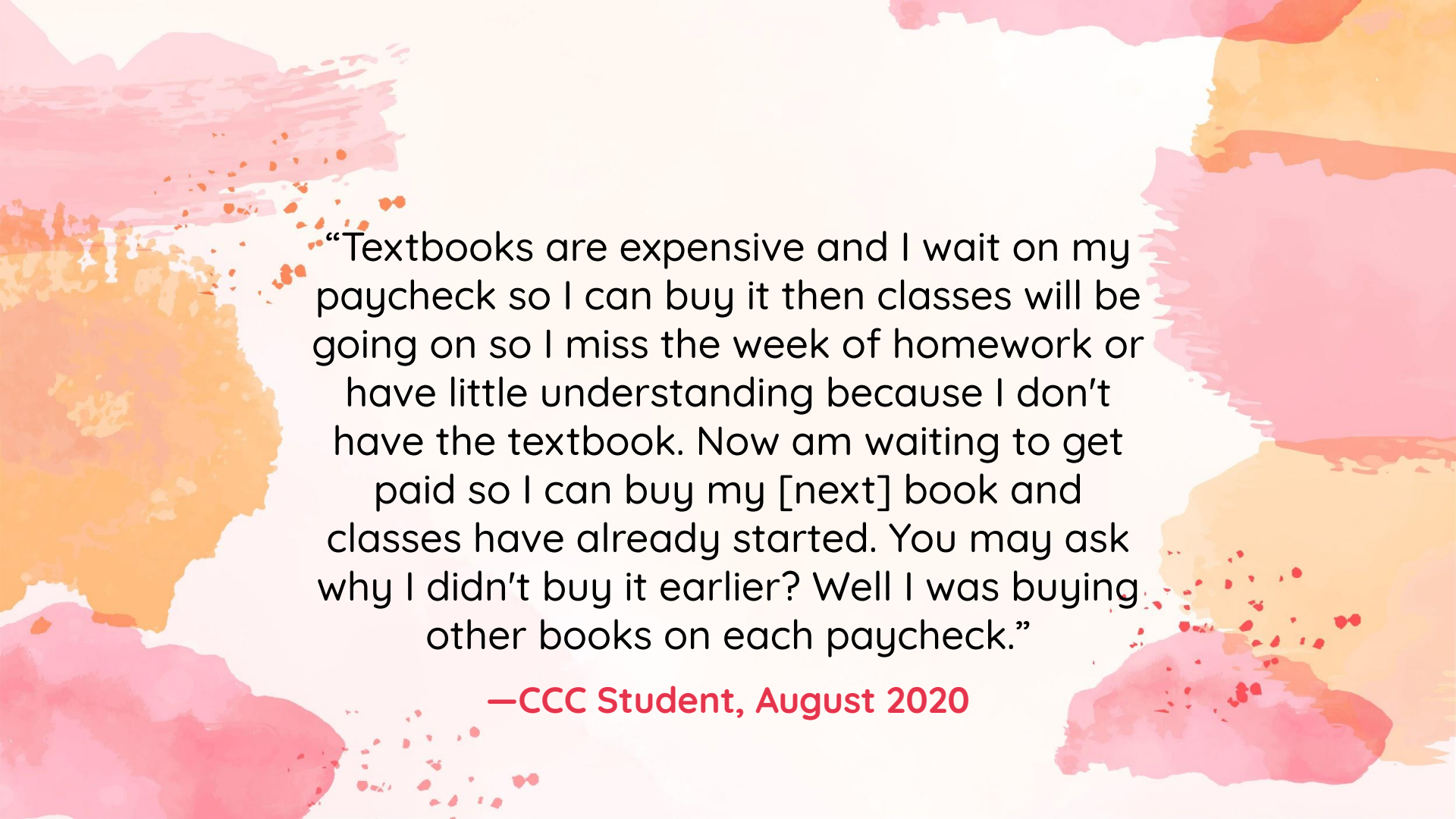
“For those of us who wait on the financial aid, it makes it difficult to buy the book when class starts. I usually go to library and borrow or make copy of chapters needed. Due to this pandemic, it’s harder with the library being closed.”

—CCC Student, August 2020

# Were you able to afford all of your books needed within the first 3 weeks of class?

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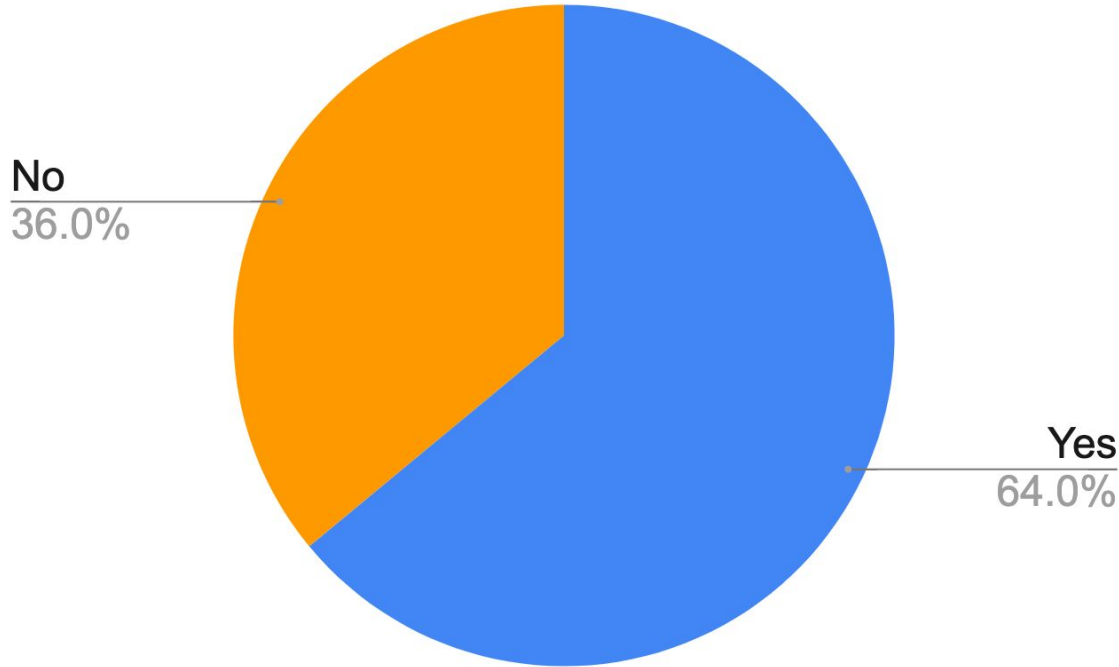


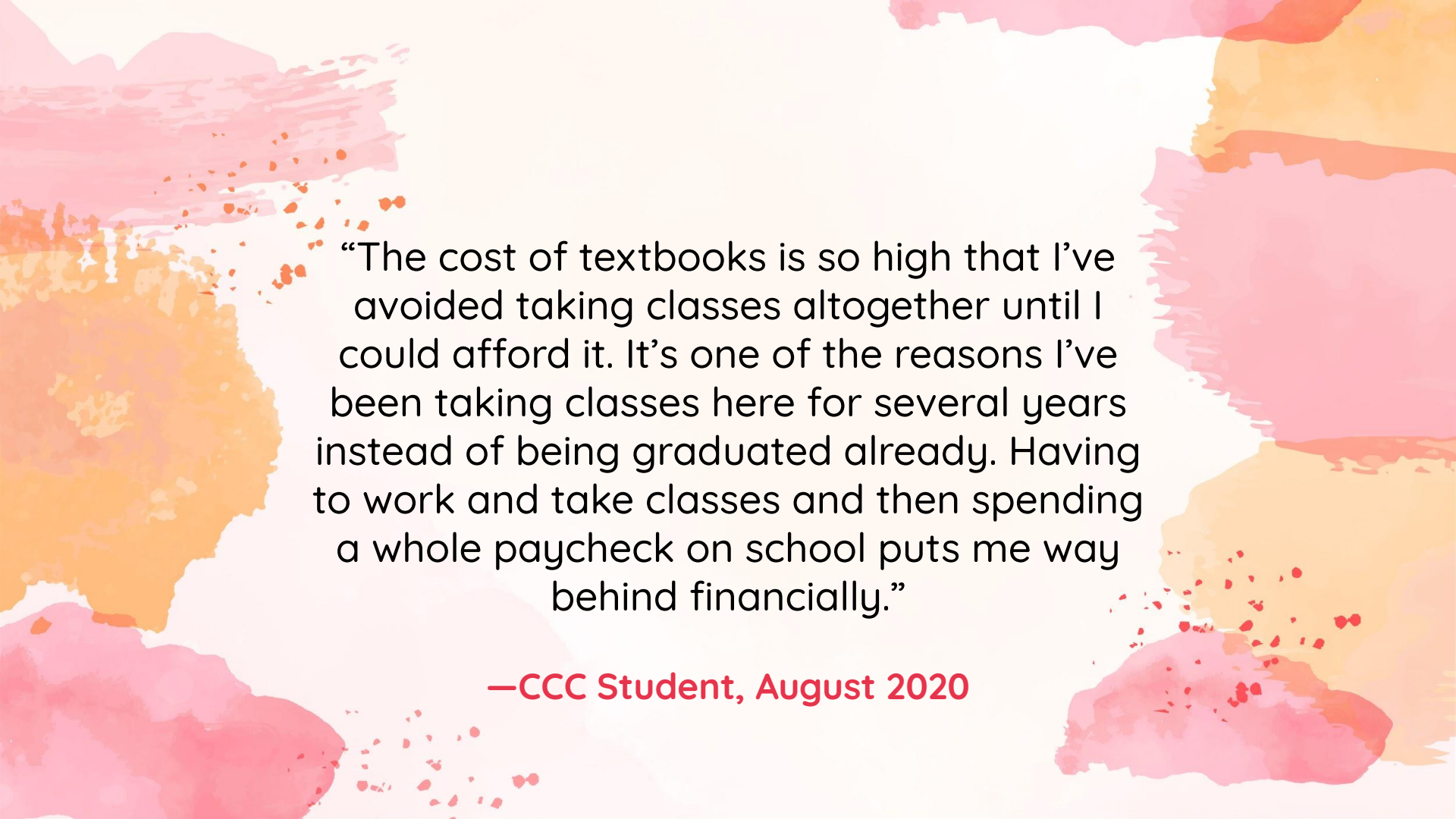
“Textbooks are expensive and I wait on my paycheck so I can buy it then classes will be going on so I miss the week of homework or have little understanding because I don’t have the textbook. Now am waiting to get paid so I can buy my [next] book and classes have already started. You may ask why I didn’t buy it earlier? Well I was buying other books on each paycheck.”

—CCC Student, August 2020

*Have you avoided carrying a full load (12 units or more) per semester because of the cost of books?*

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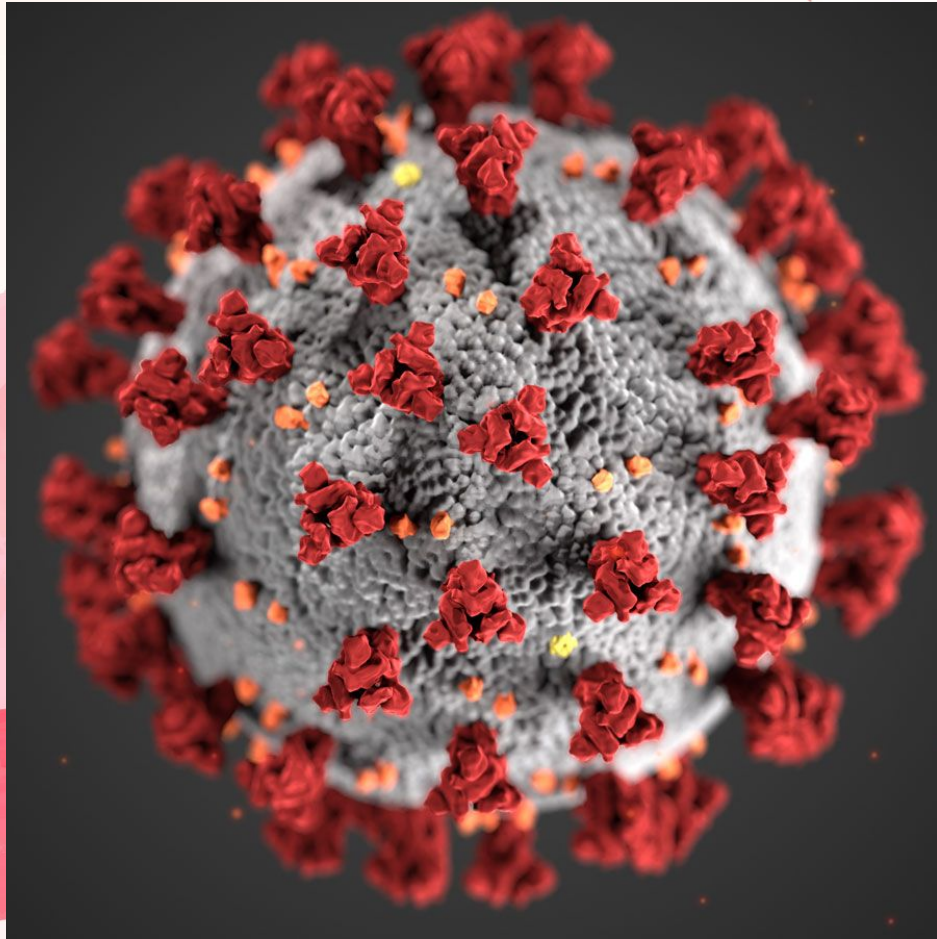




“The cost of textbooks is so high that I’ve avoided taking classes altogether until I could afford it. It’s one of the reasons I’ve been taking classes here for several years instead of being graduated already. Having to work and take classes and then spending a whole paycheck on school puts me way behind financially.”

—CCC Student, August 2020





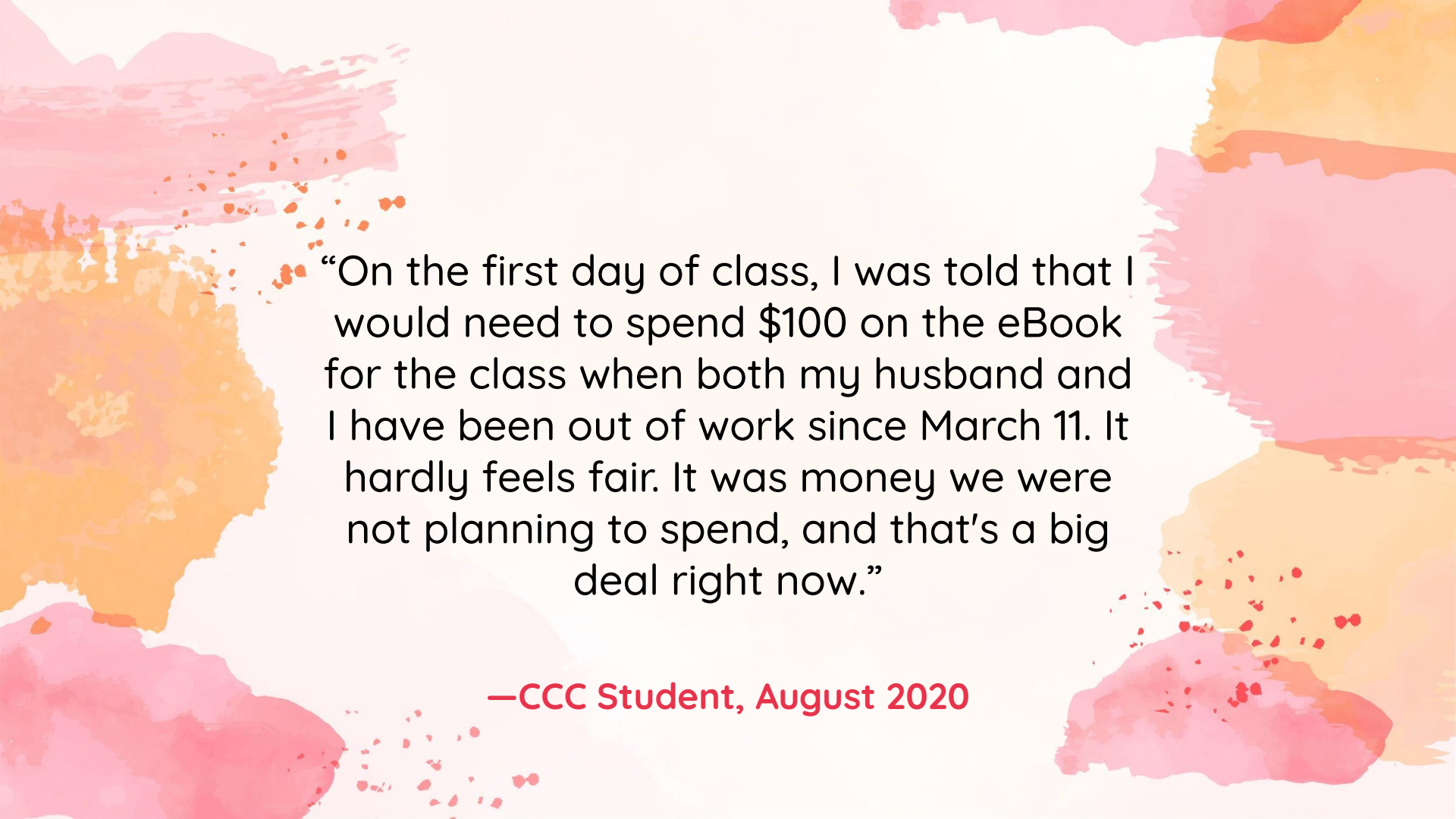
# Student Senate for Calif. CC Survey Report May 2020 - During COVID-19

higher levels of anxiety, stress, depression,  
and/or any other mental distress than usual **67%**

loss of income **45%**

inability to pay their mortgage/rent/utilities **27%**

having to drop one or more courses due to  
financial or other reasons **26%**



“On the first day of class, I was told that I would need to spend \$100 on the eBook for the class when both my husband and I have been out of work since March 11. It hardly feels fair. It was money we were not planning to spend, and that’s a big deal right now.”

—CCC Student, August 2020

# *Our Appreciations*


**Bashir Shah, Business**

**Carlos-Manuel Chavarria, Drama**

**Laura Salas, Automotive**

**Mike Kilivris, Humanities/Philosophy**

**Kelley Kadungug, Counseling**



**\$10,320**

# More Benefits of OER



Student access  
to material on  
the first day of  
class



Faculty  
control of  
content



Relevant,  
current, and  
antiracist  
content



Free, online,  
low-cost  
print option



# Open Textbook Library



*There's no better time than now.  
Resources...*

Grant  
Funding  
for Faculty

2 Support  
Staff





**New OER  
Workgroup  
*Join us!***



**Interested?**

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# *Academic Senate Draft Resolution*

Whereas, The significant rise in costs of textbooks is a barrier to college attendance, student access, student retention, and student success;

Whereas, Many colleges are interested in reducing the cost of textbooks to increase student access to necessary course materials; and


Whereas, Individual faculty have the Academic Freedom and choice to select instructional materials that may include the adoption of lower/no cost, high-quality, open educational resources (OER);

Resolved, That the Academic Senate Council of Contra Costa College supports efforts to increase student access to high-quality OER and reduce the cost of textbooks, access codes, and supplies for students in course sections for which faculty choose to adopt OER to promote student learning and to reduce the cost barriers for students.



*Thank you!*

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