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MEMORANDUM

To: All Users

From: Curtis L. Ivery, Chancellor

Subject: Chancellor's Message to the WCCCD Family: Regarding the 2021 Spring Semester

Date: October 19, 2020

The purpose of this Chancellor's Message is to update members of the WCCCD family on plans for the 2021 Spring Semester. With the Fall Semester successfully underway, our top two priorities continue to be: to assure a healthy and safe study and work environment for students and employees, and to provide for the continuity of instructional programs and student support services. I am very grateful for the resilience and creativity of students, faculty, and staff as we together manage the unpredictability of the pandemic. I applaud the COVID-19 Response Team and the COVID-19 Special Unit in the Human Resources Division for their exemplary work in achieving the many adjustments and protocols required for a COVID-19 protective environment.

For the 2021 Spring Semester, instructional leaders will continue the pattern of online, virtual, and limited on-campus programs established during the Fall Semester. The 2021 Spring Semester class schedule is more robust in terms of balancing course offerings and supporting student program completion. During the Spring Semester, we will continue the Fall Semester practice of providing healthy and safe on-campus teaching and learning environments for designated lab, career, and health science courses requiring hands-on learning experiences.

As we prepare for the 2021 Spring Semester, several initiatives are underway to apply the "lessons learned" from our COVID-19 experiences thus far. The transition of student support services from in-person to virtual access continues. Faculty professional development programs related to teaching in a virtual environment have expanded. The engagement of campus leaders in supporting virtual learning has increased. Being mindful that some students may not have access to laptops and the Internet, campus administration is providing access to computer labs and student support services. The WCCCD website continues to provide regular updates on changes in programs and student support services, as well as the District's response to the COVID-19 pandemic. In these and other ways, we are continuously improving the student experience and assuring that quality programs and services are provided in a COVID-19 protective environment.