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MEMORANDUM

TO: All Users

FROM: Curtis L. Ivery, Chancellor

SUBJECT: Fall District Wide Conference Day

DATE: October 28, 2020

District Wide Conference Day is the one day each year that the entire WCCCD family comes together to celebrate our shared mission and renew our shared commitments. With the rise of the COVID-19 pandemic, this year's conference day originally scheduled for October 20 was postponed to November 17. Consideration was given to holding this all-employee event in a virtual format similar to the successful virtual Faculty Convocation Day held at the beginning of the Fall semester. However, after much thought, we invite everyone instead to use the time on November 17 to personally reflect and recalibrate on the progress made during the challenging environment of COVID.

It is clear that COVID-19 is causing increased stress for our students, faculty, and staff. My heart is heavy as I think of those individuals who have contracted COVID-19, as well as their family members. I express my gratitude to those faculty and staff who are taking extraordinary steps to respond to the needs of the students, businesses, and communities that we serve as we together navigate these turbulent and unpredictable times. I am mindful that many of our students are experiencing financial, food, housing, transportation, and other insecurities. I applaud those faculty and staff who are maintaining communication with our students and responding to their needs. It is without a doubt that our faculty and staff continue serving and playing an essential role in achieving our mission by providing the utmost educational opportunities during these unprecedented times. One day the COVID-19 pandemic will end, and on that day we will celebrate the courage, resilience, and creativity of the WCCCD family as we stay the course and work toward a stronger and more equitable future.

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