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MEMORANDUM

TO: All Users

FROM: Curtis L. Ivery, Chancellor

SUBJECT: (Update) District and Campus Operations as 2020 Spring Semester Continues

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WCCCD Students, Faculty, and Staff,

In compliance with Governor Whitmer's Executive Order 20-59 extending the "Stay at Home" requirement to May 15, 2020, WCCCD buildings at all locations will be closed to students and visitors to that date. We recognize that this order may be extended beyond May 15, and we must be prepared to operate at the campus and District levels for a period of time with that uncertainty in mind. The pathway and duration of the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic will dictate our actions, and we will proceed with the health and safety of our students, faculty, and staff as our highest priority. When conditions permit, we will undertake a careful and phased process of reopening of our campuses.

All Spring Semester academic programs and courses resumed on Friday, April 17. For the Spring Semester, all credit-bearing or academic courses, except for distance learning courses, transitioned from face-to-face (in-class) instruction to an alternative instructional delivery model. Faculty members and instructional leaders have worked tirelessly during the past several weeks to make this extraordinary transition possible. Because of the unprecedented circumstances, we know that students, faculty, and staff will proceed with flexibility and a caring concern for one another as we enable our students to complete their Spring Semester courses and continue toward their college and career goals. Distance learning courses have continued as usual during this period. All continuing education offerings have been suspended for the spring and summer period except for a limited number of online courses.

It will be necessary to assure that basic District and campus operations continue in support of our instructional programs and student support services. The vice chancellors and campus presidents are authorized, subject to the approval of the Office of the Chancellor, to designate those employees who are considered essential to maintain both on-site and remote operations. I very much appreciate the understanding and cooperation of those who are designated as essential employees. As well, I very much appreciate the "lead and work at home" efforts of employees.

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As we begin this next phase of addressing the impact of the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic, we will take every possible action to assure the health and safety of those working on-site and those who continue to work at home. We are taking extraordinary measures to deep clean, disinfect, and maintain all buildings and spaces. We will institute other practices to protect everyone who uses our buildings and we will expect individuals to use safe practices. These practices include staying at home if you are sick or are caring for a member of the household who is sick or has tested positive for the COVID-19 virus as well as at-work practices such as social distancing, regular hand washing, and regular disinfecting of surfaces and items in your workspace.

I continue to be impressed with the courage, creativity, and compassion of all members of the WCCCD family as we together navigate this crisis. Please take care of yourself, your loved ones, and those around you with the greatest needs.

Thank you.