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MEMORANDUM

TO: All Users

FROM: Curtis L. Ivery, Chancellor

SUBJECT: Message to Students, Faculty and Staff Regarding Spring, Summer and Fall Class Schedules

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The purpose of this Chancellor's message is to outline plans to serve our students during the 2020 spring semester, summer terms, and fall semester. These plans are being developed by the WCCCD leadership and faculty amid uncertainty about the unfolding COVID-19 pandemic and the related economic turbulence. I appreciate your patience and understanding as we navigate this unprecedented crisis together.

My first thoughts today are for the health and safety of our students, faculty, and staff and for all who are suffering from the virus in our communities and around the world. Please take care of yourselves, your family, and those around you who are most at risk. Our planning for the spring semester, summer terms, and fall semester is based on the reality that we do not know when it will be safe once again to have the face-to-face interactions that are so essential to WCCCD's instructional programs, student support services, and operations. It is with these thoughts in mind that the following plans are outlined.

- A. **2020 spring semester (restart on April 17, extend schedule for four weeks to end on June 9).** We regard this as a "once-in-a-century" semester in which the faculty and students will make extraordinary adjustments in order to shift from face-to-face instruction to an alternative instructional delivery model. It is understood that a shift to the most essential objectives of the courses may be required and that completion requirements may need to be modified. I am thankful that our faculty is reaching out to our students in caring concern as these adjustments are made. Our goals, even in these extremely difficult circumstances, are to enable our students to have a meaningful learning experience, complete their spring semester courses successfully, and continue their programs of study toward completion. *Starting on April 17, distance learning courses will also continue as usual to completion.*

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B. Schedule for the 2020 summer terms:

1. Summer Term 1 (12-week term from May 8 through August 10):

- a. Due to the Governor's Executive Order, face-to-face courses will not be held.**
- b. Distance learning courses are moved to the Summer Term 2.**

2. Summer Term 2 (8-week term from June 12 through August 10):

- a. Face-to-face courses will be held pending the Governor's Executive Order.**
- b. Distance learning courses will remain.**

C. Schedule for the 2020 fall semester: The schedule below is tentative. If health and safety conditions permit, face-to-face instruction could be considered. Distance learning courses will be scheduled as usual.

1. 2020 fall semester term 1 (15-week term from August 24 through December 12). Distance learning courses only.

2. 2020 fall semester term 2 (7 ½-week term from August 24 through October 14). Distance learning courses only.

3. 2020 fall semester term 3 (7 ½-week term from October 15 through December 12). Distance learning courses only. Face-to-face courses may be included in the future based on safety.

4. 2020 fall semester term 4 (12-week term from September 8 through December 12) Face-to-face courses permitting and distance learning courses.

I am deeply appreciative of the courage, resilience, creativity, and compassion of our students, faculty, and staff as we together face the unprecedented disruptions of our lives and our society caused by the COVID-19 virus. I am confident that each of us, in our own way, will emerge from this crisis with a renewed sense of purpose and shared destiny.

Thank you.