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Colleagues:

The work all of you are doing to support our students and college during the Coronavirus pandemic is remarkable and appreciated by me, the board of trustees, and college leaders. More important, your selfless efforts are helping thousands of people and making a difference in our communities served.

We understand that you are all concerned about the duration of the period in which we will continue to provide remote instruction to students and remain in a primarily work from home environment. Today I am announcing to our students, community, and employees that **remote instruction and work from home procedures will continue for the rest of the spring semester which ends on June 10, 2020**. The overwhelming likelihood is that this status will also continue into summer. That decision, however, will be made based on the directions of state and LA county health officials.

Currently, we have planned no changes to fall or summer course offerings; however, we will continue to evaluate and reassess as necessary. Classes scheduled to meet face-to-face will continue using remote, synchronous instruction to the degree possible. The current situation presents a great deal of uncertainty. With that in mind, we will do all we can to provide you with the best and most up-to-date information, and I know that all of us will continue to provide the best possible educational experience for our students.

We also will continue until June 10, 2020 our present procedures to have every employee carry out work duties from home when that is possible and in consultation with their supervisors. Those who must come to work on campus due to the nature of their work responsibilities are expected to not come to work if feeling sick and to report their sick status to their supervisor. For those working on campus, the District will continue to follow the LA County Social Distancing Protocols, including staying at least six feet from others, wearing of cloth masks when in contact with others, constant hand washing, and disinfecting by the college of break rooms, restrooms, and general work areas.

My appreciation is further extended to the leaders of the Academic Senate, Guild, CSEA and our governance committees who continue our traditions of working together to meet our challenges while focused on student support and success. We understand the challenges that this pandemic crisis presents to faculty and staff, so in conclusion, thanks.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'David Viar'.

David Viar
Superintendent/President