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Happy Friday!

This is a repeat from last Friday's communication. I cannot believe that it is Friday yet again. Where does the time go when you are sheltering in place? Although we did not have the ability to speak with our State legislators this morning, they have agreed to participate next Friday. It is awesome for MCC to have such committed representation at the state and federal level.

This morning, I participated in the virtual Michigan Community College Association Executive Committee meeting. We reviewed and approved the 2020-2021 MCCA budget to be brought to the general body, the 2020-2021 MCCA calendar, obtaining 501(c)3 tax-exempt status, clarifying the MCCA expense limit policy, and streamlining the employee leave policy.

I also watched Governor Whitmer's COVID-19 press conference where she shared information about Executive Order 2020-59. She has extended the stay home, stay safe order to be effective immediately until May 15, 2020. One of the changes in the order of which everyone should be aware is that, effective April 26, 2020 at 11:59 p.m., "any individual able to medically tolerate a face covering must wear a covering over their nose and mouth—such as a homemade mask, scarf, bandana, or handkerchief—when in any enclosed public space." Governor Whitmer made clear during the press conference that the general public should be wearing material face coverings, not the ones worn by healthcare providers. She stated that businesses may refuse service to individuals entering their establishments without wearing a face covering. I will spend the weekend reviewing Executive Order 2020-59 and will share next week how it will affect MCC operations.

The library staff had a great start to the morning. They were joined by Farm to You Revue to give some sizzle and awww shucks to their weekly meeting. They met Jimmy Fallon the sloth, Scooter the camel, a mustang horse, some adorable ducklings, baby goats, donkeys, alpacas, and a llama. Attached is a picture of Scooter the camel for your review. Great idea, Jill!

This afternoon we met with DHHS Deputy of Economic Stability Administration and state officials to discuss the possibility of using the "S" Parking lot for COVID-19 mobile testing. The group agreed to send established protocols for testing sites so that I can decide if MCC is a good fit for this endeavor.

In case you were not able to watch yesterday's All-Employee College Meeting in its entirety, I have placed the link below for you to watch without technical difficulties.

https://youtu.be/CyBGdPR_-Qo

Have a great weekend! I love that the sun is out, the sky is blue, and the temperature is 54 degrees!

Looking Forward!

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