

## Special Edition: Coronavirus Communication 43

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Good Evening:

It is really great to have representation in Washington, D.C. and Lansing that knows MCC and respects the work we do. This morning we began the day meeting with Congressman Dan Kildee to discuss our need for the federal restrictions on the CARES Act funding to be lifted and the need for more federal dollars to cover the state budget shortfall. He was very complimentary of the work that you do and often reminds us that he is an MCC graduate. He shared what he and other House members are doing to get more money for our states that will help community colleges and his staff will make an inquiry about the constricted funding issues we are facing.

This afternoon we met newly-elected State Rep. Mike Mueller, who attended MCC as well. He spoke about his first year at MCC which gave him a great foundation for his career in law enforcement. He shared his understanding of our student population's needs due to being raised by a single parent. We shared information about MCC and invited him to take a tour of the College in the future. He has not been on campus since 1992. I am certain it will look different.

I had the opportunity to celebrate the members of the President's Student Advisory Council. As they shared their experiences this year, I was in awe of the talent we have at MCC. Thanks to you these students are prepared to lead and perform at exceptional levels. Thanks to living in this county they have the fortitude and stamina to not let anything stop them. A friend of mine met one of our former students in Washington, D.C. that was the retired Head Chief of Radiation Medicine at the World Health Organization. Former Board Chair Lenore Croudy was right, we ARE leading the world.

The Foundation for Mott Community College delivered lunches to our Ascension Genesys Hospital Heroes and Sheroes on Monday. I have attached the pictures for your review.

Below you will find my response to the suggestions I have received in the last few weeks.

### **Suggestions:**

*The Governor has a site where she is collecting good things people and organizations are doing in Michigan during the pandemic. MCC should submit some of the things we are doing.*

**I tracked down the site through the Governor's Office Press Secretary and our Social Media Communications Assistant will ensure Governor Whitmer knows all of the great things happening at MCC.**

*Design PPE suits and get them manufactured and distributed to hospitals.*

**This is beyond our FabLab's scope of work.**

*Providing and communicating to students and employees first and second half summer course offerings along with the dates to meet student need.*

**VP Jason Wilson shared this was communicated several times since April 15, 2020.**

*There is not enough PPE for healthcare workers to change between working with patients/clients. Donating easily sanitized clothing items and large disposable garbage bags to healthcare workers that can cover their garments.*

**I posted the suggestion and hope donations were made.**

*Bring in an infectious disease expert to evaluate workstations, offices and such around the college. So that when we do return, we can all feel safe.*

**I have contacted MSU to discuss the partnership. They were very receptive to the idea.**

*Many of us have a surplus of returnable bottles and cans. Could the College host a drop off center and use the funds for the Student Emergency Fund?*

**CFAO Larry Gawthrop thinks this is a great idea. Facilities Services will need to figure out how to operationalize it.**

I will close with a request to share with you the below information from Homeland Security Investigations (HSI).

“HSI is seeing a variety of criminal schemes targeted against consumers which have the potential to undermine the health and safety of Americans and our confidence in the marketplace. In the context of Coronavirus, HSI is investigating three main types of fraud:

- Schemes involving fraudulent/substandard/unapproved personal protective equipment (especially bulk sales to medical suppliers, hospitals, and first responders);
- Schemes involving fraudulent/counterfeit/substandard/unapproved medicines, treatments, and medical devices, including fraudulent test kits; and,
- COVID19-related financial fraud schemes (i.e., telemarketing schemes related to stimulus checks, bogus charities, fraudulent government loans, etc.)

If anyone comes across suspected coronavirus fraud schemes in Michigan, we encourage them to report to [covid19fraud@dhs.gov](mailto:covid19fraud@dhs.gov).

If you need additional information or have any questions you can also contact the Homeland Security Investigations, Detroit Field Office at [DetroitHSI@ice.dhs.gov](mailto:DetroitHSI@ice.dhs.gov) or (313) 226-0500.”

Have a great rest of the evening!

Looking Forward,

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