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Good Evening!

I am pleased to announce that Mott Community College has once again received a rating of “A+” from S&P Global Ratings on the \$20,000,000 Facility Bonds obligation. The rating action affirms our long-term “A+” rating and underlying rating on the College’s existing debt. It has been determined that our financial outlook is stable. Thank you to Chief Financial and Administrative Officer Larry Gawthrop, Executive Director of Accounting and Budget Nichole Woods, and their team members for creating financial management practices that have been recognized as good for maintaining stable finances for this institution. The preliminary official Notice of Sale Statement for the Facility Bonds was announced this afternoon. A presentation to review the facility bonds process will be given during the All-Employee College Meeting on Thursday. I have placed the official S&P Global Ratings documents as an attachment to this email for your review.

[S & P Rating Report](#)

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The Governor’s Executive Order 2020-77 10(i) allows first responders and health-care worker training, credentialing, and licensing to resume. I met with LERTA Training Director Lt. David Livingston, Academy Coordinator Sgt. Dunell Chaney, Public Safety Chief Mike Odette, Risk Management Coordinator Tamara Hunt, and Executive Director for Facilities Services Chad Stirrett, to discuss the plan to get the LERTA recruits completed. The group has created a thoughtful plan to support mitigating student and employee risk.

MCC’s Virtual Commencement is this Saturday at 2 p.m. We have 1172 students who have earned a degree or certificate and 269 will participate in the commencement program. Each student participating will receive a graduation gift box that includes a t-shirt, car cling, bumper sticker, tassel, degree cover and program. You can celebrate the students on Facebook by changing your frame to honor our MCC 2020 graduates. Instructions on how to do this will come in a separate email.

Today is Tuesday which means that I met with the Executive Cabinet. This morning we discussed Thursday’s All-Employee College Meeting, scheduled for 3-5 p.m., @Live Stream: <https://video.ibm.com/channel/mott-college-tv>. Please remember to send questions to questions@mcc.edu by 5 p.m. tomorrow. MCC’s representatives from Cohort 1 of the Michigan Community College Association Leadership Academy, CFAO Larry Gawthrop and MCC Board of Trustees attorney Amberly Brennan will facilitate the meeting.

The Executive Cabinet reviewed and discussed upcoming resolutions and information to be presented during tomorrow’s BOT committee meetings. A weekly update was given about

fundraising, social media activity, and College Information Center calls. One position was approved to meet a critical need. I shared with EC that as of today all positions to be moved forward for hiring must be a critical or essential need. All others will remain on hold as we seek clarity on how the State budget shortfall will affect MCC's budget. The group discussed a request to have a weekly Zoom-free day. Action on this was tabled as the College enters into a period where timely and continual communication is critical. Opportunities using student CARES Act funding, Federal Work Study and FSEOG funding were discussed. The Executive Cabinet had a lengthy discussion on budget, enrollment, and reopening measures.

Please don't forget What's Up Wednesday tomorrow at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. The Zoom information is below.

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Topic: What's Up Wednesday

Time: 10:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://mcc-edu.zoom.us/j/94198568790?pwd=RXM2QWdaMDdzVFp2aTRZL3NXM0x5dz09>

Meeting ID: 941 9856 8790

Password: GoBears

AFTERNOON

Topic: What's Up Wednesday - afternoon edition

Time: 02:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://mcc-edu.zoom.us/j/92796837113?pwd=c3RTbXAxaEVVL3ljQmcwVHZadUdOQT09>

Meeting ID: 927 9683 7113

Password: MottBears

Looking Forward!

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