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Good Thursday Evening:

As I shared last evening, today we met virtually with Senators Stabenow and Peters. Both meetings went very well as we shared what MCC has done to support the community during the pandemic. They were very complimentary of our efforts and both shared respect for the legacy that MCC has developed serving as an anchor institution for Flint and Genesee County. We shared our gratefulness for their ongoing support and the influence they had for ensuring community colleges received CARES Act funding. They were provided with an overview of our budget resources and the impact on MCC if the Senate does not pass the HEROES Act. Both shared what actions MCC should take to help get the Act passed and decrease the state's fiscal shortfall. We have already started working on implementing their recommendations.

We received more CARES Act funding, totaling \$262,276 from the Department of Education. I met with the Board Attorney to review the stipulations for the spend. We will be able to utilize the funding quickly to support our virtual instructional technology needs. This is great news! Thanks to the Institutional Advancement Grants Team who sniffed out this funding. We might not have known the funding was set aside for MCC without their keen research.

The Foundation for Mott Community College Board met at noon for their full meeting. The Foundation Board members received an overview of the CARES Act funding, an audit contract, and upcoming Foundation programs. Look for an upcoming virtual Best of Mott, Motown and More experience in September. A presentation was given to discuss the annual funding support for the College. Since 2015, the Foundation has provided the College with \$400,000 to support marketing and branding needs. The Ready for More campaign and award-winning media spots have been some of the great work derived from the contribution. Due to the market downturn, the members are looking to provide the College with \$300,000 for next year's budget and to raise the remaining \$100,000 throughout the year. Other fiscal items were covered during the meeting.

If being remote so many weeks has caused you to forget what the Flint campus looks like right now, please watch this beautiful video shared with me today by Sgt. John Fontana. Thanks, John!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wEBuQZvLxzc&fbclid=IwAR2x5PbQNEjQp01NUGZlnZye9UEIUBZkGnURMPcy-agslStxfPZ0CV-sepQ>

Have a great rest of the day and take a moment and go out and jump in a rain puddle.

Looking Forward,

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