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Good Evening:

This morning I read *Community College Daily* and found that the Department of Labor had awarded Mott Community College the Job Corps Scholar Grant. A year ago we were informed about this opportunity and were encouraged to apply. After waiting months for the announcement, we applied, only to be stalled due to the pandemic of finding out if we were selected. I am excited that we were one of 20 schools funded to provide at-risk youth with job skills instruction, educational opportunities, and job counseling. We have been awarded \$1,183,878 to provide innovative ways to prepare students 16 – 24 years of age with jobs. I am looking forward to seeing this critical program take root under Associate Vice President Robert Matthew's leadership.

We met with State Representative Gary Howell this morning to discuss more fully some of the suggestions he shared during the Legislative Summit earlier this month. It was a very productive meeting that we will continue to follow up with more discussion.

The Reopening Task Group Subcommittees shared their presentations on reopening elements for student success, employee success, teaching and learning success, workforce partnerships success, and community sustainability success. I found the groups were very thoughtful and engaged in developing recommendations. Great feedback was given to each group. As they prepared the plan recommendations, the number one thing the subcommittees thought about was safety. I will spend the week reviewing the presentations and putting together a draft plan for the College to be presented to the group next Friday.

I met with Clarence Pierce, CEO of Hamilton Community Health Network, to discuss developing a partnership with the College that can supplement some of our health services needs that have escalated due to COVID-19.

I met with GISD Superintendent Dr. Lisa Hagel, Associate GISD Superintendent Keeley Mounger, and Mott Middle College Principal Margaret Green to discuss working together to reopen the Mott Middle College program with comparable reopening elements to mitigate risk.

On another front, I continue to watch and read the headlines associated with the death of George Floyd in Minneapolis. I have heard that some of you are wondering how MCC addresses systemic racism in policing during LERTA training and in the Public Safety Department. I have requested that Chief Michael Odette share his views about this crucial topic on Monday.

Looking Forward,

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