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RE: COVID-19 Updates

Dear School of Education Community:

Several people in our community/state and nation, including K-12 learners and their guardians/parents, as well as school personnel, are being impacted by the recent school closures that will last through at least April 24, 2020. Moreover, Governor Inslee’s recent emergency proclamation temporarily closing businesses including retail centers and restricting restaurants to only provide delivery/take-out services is adding stress for everyone, especially among some of our communities and neighbors who are most in need.

This note offers some general information and resources to our community about how to continue supporting children/youth in the K-12 system, families, and parents/guardians during these difficult times. I know several of you are serving as educators and leaders in non-school and school-based settings where you may be seeking a consolidated resource page like this to share with others or to draw from. Rather than sending regular updates as we receive more community resources, we will continue to maintain updates on this page.

The School of Education will continue to maintain regular communication with current and prospective students as we learn more information about how to best support students through course and program completion during these difficult times. I recognize there has been information overload on COVID-19 from the university (and in general), and therefore, have directed my team to consider consolidating/streamlining essential communication.

Please continue to be and stay well. Please continue to take care of yourselves and your loved ones, as well as your neighbors.

Again, the School of Education faculty and staff are here to support you during these challenging times- let us know how we may be of assistance.

Respectfully Yours,

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