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Dear SBC Students,

Your health and well-being are our top priorities. In light of the coronavirus outbreak and rapidly changing conditions, Sitting Bull College will shift on-campus in-person classes to remote instruction following spring break through April 17, 2020, with the exception of building trades and electrical program practicums. Students in these programs contact your instructors for the times of your practicum class periods. Student please give your instructor some time to get the coursework on-line. We are requiring all courses to be ready for on-line by Wednesday, March 25, 2020. There will be no face-to-face classes on Monday, March 23 and Tuesday March 24, 2020, with the exception of building trades and electrical practicums.

Sitting Bull College is going into a lock down with only allowing employees on campus. Faculty are not required to be on campus during this time period, but can if they choose to. All support staff will work as regularly scheduled and will communicate with students via phone and email. Students that need to come to campus for paperwork, will be required to make an appointment by contacting the person they need to see. Students will have access to one computer lab at the main campus in Fort Yates, Monday through Thursday from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm by appointment with the IT specialist, Gabriella Arellano at 854-8028. Sitting Bull College will also keep the two SD sites open two days a week for students use by appointment only. The McLaughlin site will be open Monday and Wednesday and Mobridge, Tuesday and Thursday from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm by appointment only. Contact Jan Brockel for appointments at the Mobridge site at 845-5762 and Bernadette Terrell at the McLaughlin site at 583-4982. **The buildings will be locked so, so only students that have appointments will be allowed in to use the computer labs.** The College is also working with the districts to see if students can get access to the Wi-Fi at the community buildings and if there are computers available for use. In addition, Wi-Fi is available in SBC parking lots, if you want to sit in your car and work.

If you have trouble with the on-line learning, please contact Dr. Shawn Holz, Dean of Academics and he will assist with getting students assistance. His phone number 854-8002.

Dorm and housing students will be allowed to stay on campus, but will not be allowed in the buildings unless they have appointments. The students may have access to only the computer lab. We are limiting the number of student per day that can be in the lab. So if a student is not doing course work, they will be asked to leave.

Students that have meal plans at the bookstore, can make an appointment by contacting Tracy Maher, at 854-8039. She will get you access to get into the bookstore, but this access will also be limited so plan ahead.

We will continue to monitor the situation and may adjust our course delivery timeline as conditions warrant. If you have further questions or need additional assistance, please call the Vice President of Operations, Dr. Koreen Ressler at 854-8001. Please continue to read your email and log into MySBC daily. We are committed to ensuring you can complete your courses and get the support you need as we navigate this unusual and complicated situation with the COVID-19 disease.

Please take care and be well.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Laurel", written in a cursive style.

Dr. Laurel Vermillion, President

CC: SBC Faculty