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Good Evening Students and Families,

The impacts of the COVID-19 are touching every aspect of our lives and pushing all of us to find creative ways to adapt during this unprecedented time. We know the disruption in normal program operations has not been easy on students and families. We want to thank you for your partnership, patience, and support as we design and implement new virtual systems and support structures for distance learning and social programming.

At this time, MICC will be extending our closure of the MICC campus at the direction of the State of Minnesota. The closure of our buildings has been extended minimally through Sunday, May 3rd. We will continue to closely follow the Minnesota Department of Health and the Governor's Office for guidance and directions on how to safely reopen campus. We will be communicating with you in the upcoming days in regards to end of year activities, graduation, and move out.

We are devastated to have to extend our closure, we know everyone wants to be back on campus as soon as possible, and we want everyone back too. We are committed to delivering quality services and programming through our distance learning platform. Our team is adapting the way we engage our students and support them through the weeks ahead.

At this time we have been able to adjust staff responsibilities and duties through new virtual supports and programming that will allow us to continue to pay our employees. Please know your tuition and fees are a vital source of revenue during this time and are being utilized to pay our staff as they expand their skills to meet the needs of our students in a distance learning support services format.

All of these discussions and difficult decisions were guided by many important considerations; the most important among them is MICC's commitment to the safety and well-being of our students, staff, and community. The degree to which this will ultimately impact our operations is still unknown; however, we know it will take some time to return to normal. Our gratitude for the overwhelming support and encouragement is appreciated. Please reach out to us with questions, concerns, feedback and ideas.

Warm Regards,

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