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Dear Monarchs,

I would like to begin the week with my thanks to you for your continued great work in service of our students. As we continue on this marathon of a response to the pandemic this Spring semester, we are now approaching the mile 20 marker. It definitely feels like the mile 20 marker for many of us. While this has been challenging, I appreciate the opportunity to run this marathon with you all and know that running together not only made these last 20 miles easier, it will show the greatest benefits these last 6 miles. Thank you!

On Thursday, the Governor released his May Revise budget plan. As expected, it is a sobering look at the impact that the coronavirus pandemic has had on the State's economy. For perspective, the Governor's January budget proposal called for \$222 billion in spending. The May Revise estimates that there would be a \$54 billion deficit before taking into account the changes proposed in the May Revise. The May Revise calls for withdrawing several proposed increases in the January budget proposal. The May Revise also lists several proposed reductions to be triggered if Federal support is not provided to help defray the reductions. These include a 10 percent reduction in Student Centered Funding Formula rates and reductions to COLA, Strong Workforce, Student Equity and Achievement, and some other areas. The May Revise also recognizes that given the extension for filing income taxes to July 15, better estimates to the state's budget revenue won't be available until at least the second half of July. As a result, not only will there be a significant amount of discussion between now and mid-June when a budget is required to be approved, but likely also through July as more tax revenue information is known.

While this news is not positive, together we will weather any storm we face. Valley College, more than most colleges, has the strength and conditioning for running marathons in these rainy conditions with lots of elevation change. Engaging in open, honest, and transparent discussions with a focus on preserving student access, equity, and achievement as much as possible will be more critical now than ever. With this guiding principle, look for additional information and discussion about the budget over the next two to three months.

Thank you again for all of your hard work in service of our students. I appreciate having the amazing professionals we have at Valley as we face any challenges that may come our way.

Be safe and be well,

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