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Dear Monarchs,

Over the past month, I had the pleasure of joining the Black Graduation Celebration, Lavender Graduation Celebration, Respiratory Therapist Convocation, Nursing Virtual Pinning Ceremony, Hoodie Ceremony, and of course, Valley's Virtual Recognition of Graduates. Following a couple of difficult months, these events were rewarding opportunities to celebrate our students, their accomplishments, and how you all have touched their lives having a profound impact. Thank you again for everything you do!

I also had the benefit of participating in the Call to Action on Racism on the 12th. This was exceptionally well done and I need to express my appreciation for everyone who worked to make it happen. It was a great beginning to some important work and I appreciate the efforts to develop an action plan to move us forward in addressing racism. Please keep an eye out for more information over the summer on these efforts.

I have a few updates to share with you as well.

EOC/ICC. The District Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and the College's Incident Command Center (ICC) have continued their work. Previously, I had mentioned that plans were developed by ICC and WEC for when classes are able to resume on campus. The first phase of these plans is done, and focuses on the six classes that were not able to complete this spring. Although not many classes still needed to complete, the plans are complex and thorough to ensure the safety of students and staff. These classes may be able to continue as early as July, though a specific date hasn't been set. Next, we will work on plans for other classes that cannot be offered online. I would expect that the number of classes will remain relatively small. Even though there may only be a small number of classes in-person, the amount of activity that will need to go into the plans will be significant to ensure everyone's safety.

The District EOC also developed policies for equipment loans to employees, Athletics, Child Development Centers, and Community Services. New safety advisories and protocols were also developed. You can access all of these at the [LAVC Coronavirus update webpage](#). Please take a few minutes to review them. Another policy is in the works for Hard to Convert (HTC) classes. I expect this one to come out in a week or so.

Budget. Tuesday morning, very early, a budget bill was released following successful negotiations between the Assembly and Senate leadership and the Governor. Overall, the bill maintains our funding level, eliminating the major cuts that were in the May Revise and replacing them with significant deferrals. This is great news! We expect a vote on the bill this week and the Governor to sign it within a week or so. I should caution that there was an expectation created that an adjustment to the budget would be made in August once the tax receipts were finalized. Nonetheless, for now this is great news.

Federal Judicial News. Last week we received good news on two important fronts. A Federal judge approved the temporary injunction for the lawsuit we joined against the US Department of Education on restrictions that were placed on who can receive CARES Act funding. This injunction now allows us to move forward with important funding for some of our vulnerable students. Also, the Supreme Court ruled to block the Trump Administration from ending the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrival (DACA)

policy. This is another important ruling for many members of our community. Neither of the issues are likely to be completely resolved, but the news is really important and welcome.

Access to Campus. In previous updates, I provided some detailed information about procedures for accessing campus. I wanted to provide a reminder to contact your supervisor prior to coming to campus and wear facial coverings when in public areas or near other employees.

Construction. Progress continues on many construction projects on campus.

- The Allied Health building is complete. LACCDBuild is now progressing with awarding bids for the lab portion of the building.
- ADA work will be complete next week, including the South Gym.
- Shelter in place door locks are being replaced for the first phase of classrooms and labs. This phase is expected to be completed in August.
- Design for Academic Complex 1 and Academic Building 2 continues. These two buildings will further transform our campus. Thank you BUGs that continue to work on these projects.
- Bungalow demolition is substantially complete.

Enrollments. My last update is related to enrollments. Demand remains very strong. Summer headcount and enrollments are both up double digits: headcount is up 11 percent and enrollments are up 17 percent! The numbers are up district-wide, though Valley's numbers are especially strong. I remain convinced that this is the result of tireless efforts to ensure we progress on our goal of access. Thank you!

I want to close out this campus update with an expression of my thanks and appreciation again to everyone working hard in these challenging and heavy times. Please do your best to find some time for rest and recovery and let me know if there is anything I can do to provide more support.

Be safe and be well,

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