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Greetings Employees:

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, thank you for your leadership and dedication to students. The unprecedented crisis of COVID-19 has required us all to make swift, yet smart, decisions in order to protect the health and safety of our community.

Last night, the Board of Trustees met via Zoom to address pertinent District and college matters. **During the meeting, each Trustee expressed deep gratitude to all staff and administrators, but particularly to the faculty for their herculean efforts to move hundreds of sections online to support our students in their educational goals.**

Additionally, the SOCCCD Board of Trustees voted on several resolutions, one being a [resolution](#) declaring a state of emergency in SOCCCD—a necessary step to gain the possible access to Federal and State funds to address the needs of our students, staff, and faculty during this COVID-19 crisis.

As you know, Governor Newsom has issued a [stay-at-home order](#)—encouraging Californians to stay at home unless working to provide essential services or critical infrastructure work. To fully comply with the Governor's order, the Orange County Board of Supervisor's order, and the recommendations of the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office—we will continue to encourage telecommuting across the District and strict adherence to [social distancing](#).

Employees who are needed for mission critical work on the campuses are strongly advised to adhere to social distancing while in the workplace. A list of critical mission positions includes, but is not limited to, the list available on the [district website](#).

The health and safety of all employees and our students is the main priority of the District, while we strive to continue to offer excellent education and services. Please continue to stay in contact with your dean/supervisor/manager when completing work in your role while on campus or working from home.

Amid changes occurring daily, we know that the weeks ahead will bring concern and uncertainty. On behalf of the Board of Trustees and the leaders throughout SOCCCD, we thank you for your commitment to professionalism and service. We will continue to update you as needed and as conditions change.

Below are links to our existing Frequently Asked Questions and additional helpful information:

- SOCCCD [Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- How Can I Help? [Resources for Food](#) - [Resources for Volunteering](#)
- [SOCCCD Essential Function Positions](#)
- Governor Newsom Stay-at-Home Order: <https://covid19.ca.gov/img/N-33-20.pdf>
- The “Critical Infrastructure Sectors”: <https://www.cisa.gov/critical-infrastructure-sectors>
- State Guidance on the new order: <https://covid19.ca.gov/stay-home-except-for-essential-needs/>

Sincerely,

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