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Dear United Tribes Technical College (UTTC) Community:

The safety and health of the UTTC campus community continues to be a priority. UTTC continues to closely monitor the rapidly evolving Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. Recent news from the Centers for Disease Control, the North Dakota Department of Health, and Governor Burgum stress the importance of social distancing to slow the spread of Coronavirus especially for Burleigh County. UTTC remains operational remotely through online learning and telecommuting for our workforce.

The following updates are being provided:

- 1. UTTC will extend online learning through the end of the semester.
- 2. Spring Commencement (Graduation) is cancelled.
- 3. Students are asked NOT to return to the UTTC campus or the Bismarck community at this time.
- 4. On-campus residence halls will remain open, but will be reserved only for students without other living options available to them. Move outs will be conducted through scheduling to ensure social distancing.
- 5. The Cafeteria will continue to serve meals, but the dining room will be closed.
- 6. Theodore Jamerson Elementary School (TJES) will be moving to online platforms and use of Chromebooks to continue educational activities for the younger students. Contact 701-530-0677 for more information.

UTTC has a long history of offering online courses and faculty members are doubling their efforts to ensure the remote delivery of courses goes smoothly and students have the support they need to succeed. Career and Technical Education (CTE) courses may need to be adjusted based on the program of study. Students should contact their instructors by email or telephone to determine how their courses will proceed. Please be patient as these plans are being put into place.

Students and employees should check their UTTC email daily for updates. Social media is also being used to relay important information to the students, employees, and public. The main switchboard will operating from 8 am to 5 pm at 701-255-3285.

As a result of the updated directives from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), North Dakota Department of Health and Governor Burgum, we are asking UTTC students NOT to return to the Bismarck community at this time. This is necessary to limit the spread of COVID-19.

Blessings, Low Winel

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