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Dear Parent and Dual Enrolled Student,

This has not been the spring that any one of us could have expected. We understand that your educational experience with us and at your child's high school has been greatly impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic. Perhaps your child is facing challenges learning remotely or disappointed that important events may have been rescheduled or cancelled due to social distancing. We wish we could say when things will return to normal, but no one knows that date for certain. What we do know is that we are in this together and the College is prepared to do everything we can to assure the continuity of education and the success of our dual enrolled student to the greatest extent possible.

The academic challenges that BC faces during this unprecedented time are similar in nature to those academic challenges the school district faces. In an effort to support students in both achieving their educational goals and also their safety through maintaining social distancing, we announced on March 12 that the College was transitioning from face-to-face and blended classes to remote learning for the spring term. Our remarkable faculty quickly moved their class interaction, collaboration and course content to the College's learning management system, Desire to Learn (D2L).

This is different than our courses taught fully online. Broward College has had a fully online catalog of courses for many years. Those courses are taught by faculty who have significant training in online teaching and engagement of students in an online environment. The courses have been put through a rigorous Quality Matters process by our Instructional Designers, and master course shells exist with limited deviation allowed by faculty who teach these courses.

For many years, BC has supported thousands of summer dual enrollment students with no revenue from the state or district. At the moment, we are facing a significant budget shortfall that that the College needs to address along with some concern about dual enrolled (DE) students taking courses in a modality that is foreign to many of the faculty that are teaching. Compounding this concern is the recognition that during the summer the majority of our full-time faculty are not teaching; thereby, increasing the percentage of courses taught by part-time faculty.

We have communicated to the leadership at Broward County Public Schools our need to greatly limit our summer course offerings. Restricting student enrollment in our college courses is not something that any of us want to do, but for academic and financial reasons, we believe it is what we need to do right now. Summer dual enrollment will be limited to 20 state core General Education courses, and dual enrollment students must enroll in fully online versions, not remote learning versions, of those courses.



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If students were not already enrolled in one of these 20 state core General Education courses, their course approval for summer has been transitioned to the fall term. Your child's schedule will reflect the changes, as we have moved their registration from summer to fall.

We are excited to welcome him/her back to campus in the fall term to continue their college journey with us. We are excited for what the new academic year will bring and we all will emerge stronger than ever. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact your child's assigned school counselor at your high school or one of our Dual Enrollment representatives at any of BC's campuses or centers. You may also email dual@broward.edu.

Sincerely,

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