

SOLANO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
GOVERNING BOARD AGENDA ITEM

TO: Members of the Governing Board

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION NO. 19/20-17 THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE SOLANO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
DECLARES EMERGENCY CONDITIONS AND TAKES
ADDITIONAL ACTION IN RESPONSE TO THE THREAT
OF COVID-19

REQUESTED ACTION:

- Information OR Approval
 Consent OR Non-Consent

SUMMARY:

BACKGROUND: In December 2019, an outbreak of respiratory illness due to a novel coronavirus (a disease now known as COVID-19) was identified and has impacted more than 75 countries including the United States. As of March 11, 2020, there were more than 1,000 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the United States, including 178 in California.

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STUDENT SUCCESS IMPACT:

- Help students achieve their educational, professional and personal goals
 Basic skills education
 Workforce development and training
 Transfer-level education
 Other: _____

Ed. Code:	Board Policy:	Estimated Fiscal Impact:
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SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: APPROVAL DISAPPROVAL
 NOT REQUIRED TABLE

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March 16, 2020
**DATE SUBMITTED TO
SUPERINTENDENT-PRESIDENT**

Celia Esposito-Noy, Ed.D.
Superintendent-President

March 18, 2020
**DATE APPROVED BY
SUPERINTENDENT-PRESIDENT**

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Officials expect the number of cases to increase. On March 4, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom declared a State of Emergency to enable state and local agencies to more effectively respond to the threat of COVID-19.

STATUS: On March 12, 2020, the Superintendent-President, in consultation with District leaders, determined that student face-to-face instruction and services would cease in the Solano Community College District at the end of the day on March 13, 2020, and that the District would work to transition to remote operations effective March 16, 2020. Remote operations will continue into the indefinite future in order to protect the health and safety of the District's students and staff and ensure the continuity of education to as many of our students as possible. This immediate action is required by the emergency conditions facing the United States, California and the counties served by the District. This action requires significant flexibility and cooperation between all of the District's constituencies.

In these unprecedented circumstances, the declaration of an emergency by the Board of Trustees will:

1. Authorize the Superintendent-President or designee to take any and all actions necessary to ensure the continuation of public education through remote operations or other methods as appropriate, and preserve the health and safety of the District's students and staff, including, but not limited to:
 - a. the relocation of students and staff;
 - b. the provision of alternative educational program and operational options including, without limitation, temporarily transitioning courses, instruction and other operations to remote operations in an online and/or telecommuting environment and mode of operation;
 - c. As necessary and appropriate, direct faculty and staff to serve as disaster service workers pursuant to Government Code 3100, and/or
 - d. As necessary and appropriate, make required alterations, repairs or improvements to school property, services and programs.

2. Authorize, by unanimous vote, under the provisions of section 20654 of the California Public Contract Code, the Superintendent-President and/or designee(s):
 - a. To enter into any and all contracts necessary, up to \$500,000, without advertising or inviting bids, and for any dollar amount necessary to respond to the emergency conditions at the District sites, including, but not limited to: the relocation of students and staff; continued instruction of students; maintenance of supplies, instructional materials, operational support supplies, equipment in support of virtual learning, and provision of additional personnel; and
 - b. The flexibility with use of District faculty and staff, notwithstanding section 20655 of the California Public Contract Code, to enable and support the District campuses and facilities; and
 - c. To obtain permission for any of the above from the county superintendent of schools to the extent required by section 20654 of the California Public Contract Code.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the Board approve Resolution 19/20-17 declaring emergency conditions exist and authorizing the Superintendent-President, or designee, to take the actions permitted in that Resolution.