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Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to the start of a new term. This is always an exciting time on our campuses, but even more so in 2021 as we welcome more students back on to our campuses in an ongoing COVID environment.

First off let me share my commitment that the health and safety of students and employees will be a top priority in our decision making. That will require that we adhere to the requirements and protocols provided by our local county health officials and the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), and all do what is asked of us for our collective benefit.

From the beginning of this pandemic, we have relied on and implemented the mandates and guidance from our county and state health officers. We will continue to do this. We are also monitoring vaccine developments statewide and sharing this information with the YCCD governing board.

District and College staff have been working to update many of the resources that provide information to our students and employees. The **COVID-19 section** of the district website is being updated with the latest information and guidance, and the Canvas Shell has been updated and published. As always, if you have a question or need clarification on guidance I encourage you to reach out to your college leadership or the Human Resource Department.

On Friday, August 13, at (time), the Maintenance & Operations Department will be hosting a Zoom presentation on the latest cleaning protocols, air flow, and other steps being put in place for mitigation of COVID. I encourage you to participate in this presentation.

Over the next week, information specific to your campus will be provided by the College Presidents and their respective Safety Committees.

I am excited to be with you in the Yuba Community College District, and I very much look forward to meeting many of you through Convocation and other events and activities over the coming weeks. Working together we will have a successful and safe return to campus. Thank you for all that you have done, and continue to do throughout this pandemic to ensure a positive educational environment for our students.

Regards,

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***“Ustedes son parte de nuestra historia. Vamos a luchar por ustedes y no nos vamos alejar.”***  
***“You are part of our story. We will fight for you and we will not walk away.”***

***Joe Kennedy III***

