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Dear parents and guardians,

As you know the Southwest Technical Education District of Yuma (STEDY) collaborates with Arizona Western College (AWC), conducting our STEDY classes on their campus. And although AWC might be one of the first community colleges in the state of Arizona to close due to this virus, they have opted to temporarily close their classes, following the same protocol as the three universities (ASU, NAU and U of A) located on the AWC campus. STEDY is following the same proactive measure for STEDY classes held on the AWC campus.

- All STEDY classes held on the AWC campus will be canceled on Monday, March 16, 2020 and March 17, 2020.
- Beginning March 18, 2020 STEDY classes held at AWC will be held on-line.

This will continue through Friday, March 27, 2020.

We will be using the Spring Break (March 30, 2020- April 3, 2020) to evaluate continuing with on-line instruction at AWC or to resume face-to-face instruction. We will be notifying you April 3, 2020 of any changes.

Students can access their classes through their Blackboard Account. If they need assistance accessing Blackboard, they can contact Technical Support at (928) 317-6137.

It is important to know, Arizona Western College campus facilities will remain open. ONLY CLASSES are affected. The AWC Library, Student Success Center and administrative offices will remain open. Therefore, if students need access to a computer for their on-line course they can visit campus to use these facilities.

Since the STEDY Central campus is open, students taking a class at AWC can use computers at the STEDY campus to access their on-line instruction Mondays through Thursdays from 8:00AM until 6:30PM.

We are following the guidance of our medical experts at our local and state health departments in our approach to responding to the community health crisis. Therefore, because the small size of our central campus population, STEDY classes held on the STEDY Central Campus (899 East Plaza Circle) will remain open. If in the event we receive additional guidance from our medical experts at our local and state health departments to cancel classes on the STEDY Central Campus we will let you know immediately.

- AWC ONLY classes will be on-line March 18, 2020 – April 3, 2020.
- STEDY Central Campus Classes will remain open.

We want to assure you that this is not a decision we have made lightly or without considerable thought and consideration. We recognize and understand the impact this will have on our families, particularly those who are most vulnerable.

Additional information will be coming to staff and families in the coming days and we appreciate your attention to our communications. We will share this information through our telephone notification system, email, as well as posting on our website and social media channels.

Please do not hesitate to call us at (928) 366-5884 if you need additional information or have any questions.

Sincerely,

Kevin Imes
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