



OFFICIAL COMMUNICATION

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Dear FTI Community,

On March 17, 2020 the Department of Education and Commissioner Richard Corcoran used executive authority to support the Florida Division of Emergency Management to ensure Florida citizens are kept safe.

All public and private K-12 and career and technical college campuses are closed through April 15, 2020.

“The containment of COVID-19 is essential, and this is not a decision we made lightly. Districts have taken action and have instituted distance learning as a necessary precaution to protect students, educators, families, and Florida’s overall public health,” said Commissioner of Education Richard Corcoran. “We are working with our local school districts to provide guidance and help children who need access food during this time. Our number one priority is keeping our families safe and healthy and stopping the spread of this virus. These actions will help mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in Florida. I will continue to work with the Governor, Superintendents, Florida College System and the State University System to do whatever we can to protect our children, our families, and our communities.”

Be assured that your safety and education is of utmost importance to us. We are currently working with technology services to implement an online and/or video streaming system so that your education can continue with minimal interruption. FTI’s career and technical education programs are hands on training programs where skills practice and demonstrations are a vital part of the program. We are meeting to develop a plan for those programs.

We are in constant communication with the Florida Department of Education Office of Financial Aid, VA, Council on Occupational Education, and all other governing boards to ensure that alternative education methods are approved.

All upcoming program start dates have been postponed until further notice. This includes Cosmetology, Facials, and Commercial Vehicle Driving.

For current students, our instructors, in all programs, will be in contact with you to give you more specific guidance at the end of this week. Please continue to monitor your email for updates as they become available.

Flagler Schools also has established a section on the general website dedicated to COVID-19 information. A link is on the front page of the flaglerschools.com website. Please follow personal distance and sanitation suggestions and stay healthy.

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