



DATE: March 3, 2021

TO: District Enrollment Management Committee

FROM: Chancellor Ronald Gerhard, CLPCCD

SUBJECT: Response to DEMC's Revised Recommendation for 2021-22 Target

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First, thank you for taking up this difficult conversation as quickly as you did. Last fall, when I supported the initial FTES and FTEF recommendations, as you recall, I did so with an understanding that “should we see a decline in our spring 2021 enrollments at the same level experienced in fall 2020, it will be incumbent upon us to revisit these targets in February and/or March 2021.” While we all hoped spring enrollments would stabilize, unfortunately, we continue to experience further loss. It is clear, from both quantitative and qualitative data, that a large group of our students continue to struggle in the current conditions. The good news is that due to adherence to state and county safety measures and availability of vaccine it is likely that our county will transition to less restrictive guidance and orders, creating the opportunity for us to begin transitioning students back into the classroom as soon as fall 2021.

I support DEMC's revised recommendation to further reduce the 2021-22 targets to 16,489 FTES and 1057.6 FTEF. This incorporates a FTES reduction of 1,160, from prior year's target of 17,649 and continues to provide student access and an ability to restore 1,218 FTES above what we are projected to serve this year of 15,271 (as reported to the state at P-1).

As always, thank you for your collaboration and work in service to our students and communities.