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To: Sunstate Academy Students, Faculty and Staff

From: Jamie Murphy, Director of Operations

Re: Distance Learning

As most of you know by now, Sunstate Academy has continued email and text correspondence updating our entire student body throughout the past week in response to the COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic.

Our most recent email and text messages were in regards to our Distance Learning Initiative. We have seen a significant drop in attendance on our campuses due to many students choosing to self-quarantine. The response to the Distance Learning email has shown us that the vast majority of students who have been absent, have a strong desire to continue progressing through their program.

As the Distance Learning Initiative may be new information to some of you, a group of your Academic Leaders have been assigned to take on this project. I would like to recognize Brandon Dixon, David Holden, Brennen Evans, Jenny Hernandez, Teresa Pierson and Theresa Miulli for their tireless efforts over the past week. This Academic team has put in 12-14 hour days to ensure the curriculum be available online to those who choose to partake in distance education.

As we embark on this new adventure, I am asking that you refrain from over-scrutinizing the work that has been done. We are about to navigate through uncharted waters, with little to no preparation time. We are fully aware that this initiative is far from perfect; however, what has been created is an amazing foundation. We are all very excited to see where we can take our academic product when creativity and technology finally meet face-to-face, and walk hand-and-hand.

Today, Brandon Dixon held a training with a group that we would consider our Distance Education ambassadors. This group, consisting of David Holden, Brennan Evans, Jenny Hernandez, Judy Rubio, Teresa Pierson, Dwayne Dykes and Kylie Pulford will lead us into distance education. Please support and encourage them, as they will be traveling down a road that has yet to be traveled in the world of Cosmetology and Massage.

Distance Learning is ready to launch, and we are prepared to hold an orientation for students choosing this option to be held on Wednesday March 25, 2020. The orientation can be accomplished at any time throughout the day. You will receive a worksheet via e-mail that must be completed. The worksheet can also be accessed on our website.

Although approval for distance learning is temporary from our oversight agencies, we will immediately begin the process of application and approval for continued delivery of distance education. We appreciate each of you, your patience, and your support as our organization responds to daily guidance, requirements and transitions into the future.