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TO: Chadron, Peru, and Wayne State College Communities

FROM: Paul Turman, Chancellor *Paul*

RE: 2021 Spring Term Plan

DATE: Nov. 2, 2020

First, I would like to personally thank each student, staff and faculty member for their efforts to keep each other safe during the Fall term. Your commitment to following the protocols at your College has allowed us to have as close-to-normal semester as possible. Now is not the time let down our guard; we need to continue to be diligent in our mask wearing and social distancing efforts to successfully finish the Fall term and begin planning for next semester.

Which brings me to our plan for the 2021 Spring term. After consulting with the State College Presidents, the State Colleges will maintain the Spring 2021 academic calendar as initially established and approved by the Board of Trustees. The term will start on January 11 and end on May 7, with a five-day Mid-Term Break offered during week nine of the term, which will run March 8 through March 12, 2021. The Presidents and I understand what a large undertaking it was to compress the fall academic calendar and appreciate those efforts put forth by students and faculty alike. As we wrap up the fall semester, we want to give you as much time as possible to plan for the Spring.

The College leadership teams are confident that the collective efforts of each College during this Fall term to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 will continue to serve the State Colleges during the Spring 2021 term. The Colleges are currently exploring opportunities for students to remain on campus during the break to pursue service or other career building opportunities as an alternative to travel and will share that information as it becomes available.

Ensuring that State College faculty, staff, and students will continue to have access to the comprehensive array of resources available to each campus is an essential aspect of what we offer at the State Colleges. As we move forward to 2021, the resources each campus has to identify, mitigate, and guard against the virus will continue to expand. Nevertheless, each campus will need to continue to follow the developed protocols to combat COVID-19. With this in mind, the [COVID-19 Guidelines](#) that were established for the Fall 2020 term will continue to be in effect for the Spring 2021 term.

While we do not know what the next year will bring, I firmly believe the faculty, staff, and students of the Chadron, Peru, and Wayne State Colleges can meet whatever challenges may arise by continuing to follow the protocols each College has in place.