



March 31, 2020

To: Students, Partners and Community Service Providers

Re: Continuity of Education Programming - Immediate and Short-Term Transitions to Online Learning

Kenjgewin Teg remains committed to ensuring a safe and healthy place of learning for our students, staff, community members and service providers in the short and longer term ahead. We are also tremendously grateful for the dedication and commitment that our local Mnídoo Mnísing health providers and health care professionals are planning on a daily and regular basis in preparation for the safety and well-being for all residents of our Island - *gchi-miigwech to all our valued health care professionals!*

Since our last public statement and update shared on March 19, 2020, we have since seen how many post-secondary institutions in Ontario have immediately transitioned and will end their academic year using online models of delivery together with modified teaching strategies, and with moderate extensions to dates in their academic calendars. At this time, Kenjgewin Teg is also being proactive in thinking about how we also transition and implement new or enhanced technology-enabled learning environments for current and new students, to support Kenjgewin Teg's mission as a community-based, rural Northern Ontario place of learning.

As an immediate matter of practicality and necessity, as well as for longer term planning for continued growth, Kenjgewin Teg will be making strategic decisions ahead to incorporate technology-enabled learning in different ways, for different programs, and at a pace that makes sense to support our valued students in their continued lifelong learning success. *We recognize that this means much work ahead, but we are excited about the new opportunities it will also bring for students!*

Indeed, while a technology-enabled inclusive learning strategy promises an exciting future ahead, there are also **immediate educational programming updates effective April 6th, 2020** needed to complete the current 2019-2020 academic year:

- Learning Coaches of the **Pathways and Mshiigaade Miikan** programs will continue to be available to assist students in continuing their work through the eLearning platform.
- All **Trades Fundamentals** and **Welder Fitter** students will officially end their academic year no later than May 15, 2020 (or sooner than May 15th as determined by individual course status and completion rate). Instructors and student support services team members will be contacting all students in these programs for further details in order to successfully meet the requirements of year end graduation. After April 6th, 2020 students enrolled in these programs can expect an introduction to modified instructional delivery that uses technology enabled learning; students are assured that Kenjgewin Teg will continue to support transitions and flexibility in this process for their continued program success.
- **Business Administration** students will continue with their course delivery through online delivery after April 6, 2020; instructors will continue to be in contact with the students regarding course/assignment requirements for successful year end completion.
- **Computer Applications** students will continue with their course delivery through online delivery after April 6, 2020; instructors will continue to be in contact with the students regarding course/assignment requirements for successful course completion of Introduction to Microsoft Word, Advanced Microsoft Word, and Introduction to PowerPoint, with completion by June 2020. Remaining courses (Intro to Microsoft Excel, Advanced Microsoft Excel, and Operating Systems) will be delivered either online or in-person, pending organization/institute directive.

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- **Personal Support Worker** (placements) for students will continue through program completion and will be monitored daily and weekly for any changes required as a result of placement employers/organizations

With these transitions to online learning essential for completing the 2019-2020 academic year, students who are in need of access to a laptop will be able to sign out a laptop on-site on Monday, April 6, 2020 from 10:00 – 2:00 p.m. Alternate dates and times are open for pick up but by appointment only. Please contact Mark Gibeault, Vice-President of Lifelong Learning/Dean of Pathways by email at markgibeault@kenjgewinteg.ca.

Except as may or may not be determined by unique specific program completion needs for the skilled trades programs (which will always comply with all public health requirements), the Anishinabek Skills, Innovation and Research Centre (and main Kenjgewin Teg office) will continue to be closed after April 6th, 2020 until May 1st, 2020 or otherwise notified. Kenjgewin Teg staff will continue to remain accessible during business hours, with working from home arrangements remaining in place. All ongoing updates will be through continued communications via email, student and staff portals, website and social media.

Lastly, I would like to say chi-miigwech for everyone's ongoing and continued support as these immediate and longer-term plans for educational continuity are put into place.

Wishing all continued safety and continued good health as the Spring season arrives.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stephanie Roy'.

Stephanie Roy
President