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GOVERNOR

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As your campuses begin to re-open, it is important that each of you are mindful of your students who continue to serve during this disaster. Many of these students will not be able to immediately return to their studies because of their selfless service, and I ask that you do everything possible to accommodate those men and women who put others before themselves in times of crisis.

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