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Greetings Everyone,

For the last several weeks we have all been doing an extra-ordinary job in coming together and rolling up our sleeves and giving it our best. And, like you, there are times when I get tired...and am just plain "beat"!

Dare I say it, but there are times when I feel "am I *really* making a difference"? Or, ... should I just acquiesce and be swept away under the weight of it all?

Then I get a little nudge, a gentle reminder that I am not alone, that there are those who are reassuring, and remind me that they are counting on our success...

Because our success is **their** success too

We do many things which we sometimes think are not recognized, sacrifices each of us make that are not known to the public. But, I don't miss much.

I share these thoughts with you because "Know, that you are not alone."

As we travel this path together now, and in the future, rest assured, I am cognizant of the pressures of leadership.

But as a team, the sum is greater than the individual parts.

A heartfelt thanks to all of you; some of whom I have known for many years, some for a few months, and some have just joined us...to all of you, your contributions and your continued hard work and support is acknowledged.

Through your hard work, we are putting into place the building blocks that will allow us to reclaim the right to be a fully accredited institution---the four colleges <u>and</u> the district! A community of colleges that provide quality programs and services, and that positively affects the trajectory of our students' lives and our community. Thank you for your commitment, your efforts are appreciated.

Looking forward to our presentation on Monday, and beyond.

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