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WEST-MEC RELEASES BACK TO SCHOOL PLANS

Glendale, Ariz. (July 29, 2020) Western Maricopa Education Center (West-MEC)--a public career technical education district--has made their back to school plans available to the public. "While we are excited to start the year, please know we are aware of the challenges ahead. Our instructors are eager to get into the lab for hands-on learning. In the meantime, we will continue to serve our students virtually in accordance with Governor Ducey's executive order," said West-MEC Superintendent Gregory Donovan.

West-MEC will begin the school year with online instruction. The start dates are as follows:

- West-MEC will begin online learning as planned on August 5, 2020 for all West-MEC Campus Programs
- West-MEC's learning plans will be further informed by the August 7 Department of Health Services benchmarks for reopening
- West-MEC intends to resume in-person learning August 17 for all West-MEC Campus Programs as planned
- Culinary Principles will start classes in a hybrid format on August 24
- EMT will start classes in a hybrid format on August 17
- Fire Science will start in-person instruction on August 24 or 25 depending on the student's schedule
- West-MEC will continue to place emphasis on the health and safety of students and employees by following all safety precautions

West-MEC Instructional teams are working with certification agencies such as the Arizona State Board of Cosmetology, Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and others, to maintain meaningful learning experiences for students in this time of distance learning.

West-MEC intends to open campuses for in-person instruction on Monday, August 17th, 2020 unless otherwise directed by the Governor or State Superintendent.

As soon as return to school is possible, West-MEC will provide 2 masks per student as well as instructions for proper sanitation and social distancing.

For more information on West-MEC's back to school plans, visit west-mec.edu/student-portal/

About West-MEC:

West-MEC is a career technical education public school district that focuses solely on innovative career and technical education (CTE) programs that prepare students to enter the workforce and pursue continuing education. West-MEC CTE programs provide students opportunities to earn college credit and industry credentials. West-MEC serves more than 37,000 students from 48 high schools, across 3,800 square miles in the northern and western cities of the Phoenix Metropolitan area. West-MEC now also offers adult education programs. Visit www.west-mec.edu for more information about West-MEC's career-driven education opportunities or follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

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