Dear colleagues,

As you are aware, beginning on March 23rd, the college will move to an Academic Continuance Plan to teach classes remotely until at least April 13, following Easter break. Canisius College will continue to operate with as little disruption as possible. This will allow the Canisius College to stay in compliance with all federal and state regulations and policies that allow students to complete their semester. The college will remain open.

A decision has been made by the Vice President for Academic Affairs to suspend all requirements for students to complete early field experiences in school and community based settings that are associated with coursework until April 13, at which point we will re-evaluate the situation. As you are aware, the situation is continually changing and evolving. There are several states who have temporarily closed K-12 schools and schools in our area are preparing for the possibility of offering remote instruction during a temporary shutdown. As we generally exceed the minimum number of field hours required overall in our programs, we will still meet overall requirements for field experiences and internships. As you make adjustments to your courses to accommodate an online format, please consider alternate assignments to meet the learning goals of your course(s). While it is possible that we can allow students to return to their field placements after April 13, we suspect this is an unlikely scenario. Please communicate the adjustments and alternate assignments in your course to your students as soon as possible.

The office of Educational Partnerships will communicate this information to school partners/mentor teachers in the teacher education programs, with the exception of Kristine Buscaglia’s placements in child care programs, as we do not have that placement information. Dr. Astiz will communicate with her partners for the community based learning requirements.

Dr. Seymour, Dr. Kurtzworth-Keen and the TESOL team, Dr. Dolan and Dr. Nida will be responsible for communicating this message to the school partners in their specific areas.

Please direct questions to your program director, Mr. Wil Green, Mrs. Linda Murray or Nancy Wallace, as appropriate.

Thank you for your cooperation, support and care for the well-being of our students.

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