For IMMEDIATE Release to students, advisors, faculty, sessional instructors, staff, and education partners:

IMPORTANT INFORMATION IS CONTAINED IN THIS EMAIL - PLEASE READ CAREFULLY AND IN ITS ENTIRETY.
Today, the Government of Saskatchewan announced that all classes in Saskatchewan pre K-12 schools will be suspended indefinitely, effective March 20th, due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

Based on the Province’s decision to close pre K-12 school indefinitely, the Faculty of Education will institute the following with respect to field placements for the 2020 winter semester:

ALL UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS - All field placements (pre-interns and interns) will finish as of the end of the school day TODAY (March 16th, 2020).

INTERNSHIP - Students will be assessed on their progress up to and including March 16th. We respectfully ask co-operating teachers to complete the final IPP by March 27th. The link to the IPP will be sent out in the next few days. Following health recommendations, Faculty Advisors are asked not to report to schools to discuss final IPPs. Should co-operating teachers wish to discuss the final IPP with Faculty Advisors this can be done through phone or email conversations. Cooperating teachers are asked to scan their final IPPs and submit them electronically to pdeduc@uregina.ca.

PRE-INTERNSHIP - All students in EFLD pre-internships will receive Aegrotat Standing (AG) on their transcript for their 3-week block. This grade is a passing grade, but indicates that the course was interrupted due to outstanding circumstances. This means that students will have met the pre-internship field requirement and, should all other academic and professional requirements be met, are eligible for internship in the fall.

ECS 100, ECS 300, EAE 312, EPSF 325, ELANG 200 and any other education course with a built in field requirement - The field component in these classes will be considered fulfilled for ALL undergraduate students. Passing of the course, however, is still contingent on meeting all other course requirements, as determined by the instructor. For assignments that are related to the field, students are asked to be in contact with their course instructor for directions.

Please note: Schools are closed indefinitely - students are NOT to make arrangements outside of these protocols to continue any placement in any form.

We understand and appreciate that this is a difficult time and some of you may be worried about your preparedness for internship. However, we will continue to work with our provincial partners to represent the interests of our students as we continue to work through the uncertainty of the present time.

We appreciate that you may many questions at this point. Due to the ongoing and evolving nature of this pandemic, it is likely that responses to individual emails may be delayed. To ensure timely and accurate information, please follow the Faculty of Education at the University of Regina on Facebook and Twitter. For additional information on the University’s response to COVID-19 please continue to check the U Regina webpage at https://www.uregina.ca/covid-19/

In closing, thank you for your flexibility and patience during this unprecedented time.

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