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Greetings Friends:

In light of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, I wanted to reach out to reassure you about your summer program of study. Although we were hopeful that we would be employing a face-to-face format for those courses in which this was to be the norm, we realize this will simply not be possible. As such, all July courses will be offered via a fully online mode of delivery. As the M.Ed. is a largely online degree, our teaching faculty is well-equipped to deliver your courses virtually.

If you are feeling overwhelmed in terms of your studies, please contact me and we can look at alternatives to make your workload manageable. Also, if you feel a summer course is too much to do at this time, you can certainly step out of the course entirely and resume your studies at a later point. We are here to support you in whatever decision you see as best for your particular circumstance, and certainly, we will be accommodating and flexible in our approach.

The current situation can be unsettling, but your health and well-being should remain as the most important thing, so please look after yourself and each other. The University has shared the following resources, and I would also draw them to your attention:

- [Healthy Minds NS](#)
- Good2TalkNS: 1-833-292-3698
- Crisis Text Line: text "GOOD2TALKNS" to 686868
- NS Mental Health Crisis Line: 1-888-429-8167
- To arrange a phone meeting with a StFX Health and Counselling Centre staff member, email idrouin@stfx.ca

We will be providing additional correspondence regarding the particulars of summer courses, so please remember to check your email for further details.

As always, if I or any member of the Program Office can assist, please don't hesitate to ask, as we are all here to help.

Sincerely yours,

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