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Email to OLA students

As you may be aware from recent announcements concerning the Ministry of Advanced Education's (AVED) service plan, government is making significant changes to the public post-secondary education system in British Columbia. The Core Services Review of the Open Learning Agency (OLA) recommended that changes be made to the Agency. As a first step in guiding these changes, the Board of the OLA has been replaced with an interim board and I have been appointed interim president and CEO.

I would like to emphasize that there are **no changes** to the day-to-day operation of the Open Learning Agency or the Knowledge Network at this point. Both class and staff schedules remain unchanged and students should continue with their regular schedules and assignments uninterrupted.

Over the next couple of months, AVED officials will work closely through the CEO and board, and with OLA senior management, to examine the programs and services provided by the OLA and make the changes necessary to address the concerns raised through the Core Services Review process. We will also be exploring a more collaborative approach to on-line and distance learning.

Please be assured that the well-being of students will be a key piece of any decisions made regarding the future of the Agency. As new information becomes available it will also be communicated to you, and will be posted on the OLA web site. I encourage you to check the site regularly for updates over the coming months.

Thank you.

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