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The Honorable Raymond E. Garofalo, Jr.
Chairman, House Education Committee
100 Port Boulevard
Chalmette, LA 70043

Dear Representative Garofalo:

House Resolution 52 of the 2020 Regular Legislative Session urged and requested “the Louisiana Community and Technical College System Board of Supervisors and the Board of Regents, to study and make recommendations relative to any academic, operational, structural, or technological changes that should be considered for the Louisiana Community and Technical College System (LCTCS) in response to COVID-19.”

The legislative response received at the Board’s June 17, 2020 meeting was developed by the National Center for Higher Education Management Systems (NCHEMS). In its study, NCHEMS articulated the conditions facing the LCTCS institutions and established recommendations regarding steps the System and its constituent institutions may be required to take to deal with a challenging external environment due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

LCTCS has since provided an addendum to be included with the response developed by NCHEMS. This addendum to the NCHEMS response was approved by the Board of Regents at its regularly scheduled meeting on October 21, 2020.

Please see the attached addendum. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me concerning this material or any other matters relating to higher education.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kim Hunter Reed". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "K" and "H".

Kim Hunter Reed, Ph.D.
Commissioner of Higher Education