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Local #6 Apprentice

The health and welfare of our Journeyman and Apprentices is our utmost concern. For this reason, Local #6 JATC has decided it is best to follow MN State and United Association recommendations by closing our Training Center until March 27th at a minimum. At that time, we will reassess the situation and determine if more time is needed and you will be notified immediately. The following classes will be impacted:

1 st Years-	Welding Valves, Fittings & Supports
2 nd Years-	Tube Bending Plan Reading Isometric Drawing
3 rd – 5 th Years	Pipe Fabrication & Layout High Pressure Piping Code Building Controls MN State Plumbing Code ASSE Backflow Tester/Repairer Course

As part of a MN Department of Labor & Industry Registered Apprenticeship program, you are required to meet your related classroom instruction hour requirements for the school year, so unfortunately, we will need to extend the school year to accommodate this break from classes. Even with extending the school year, I hope to have all classes wrapped up before Memorial Weekend to minimize the impact on people's summer plans. Only time will tell how this virus is going to progress and we will address concerns as they arise.

*The ASSE Backflow Class will complete their Backflow Tester exams on March 17th & 18th but we will need to delay the start of the Backflow Repairer portion of the course until classes resume.

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*5th year apprentices preparing for their MN State Plumbing exam should wait to register for their test session or if they have already scheduled it, you may want to call the MN DOLI to see if you can postpone or reschedule your exam for later date. The MN DOLI has not said if they will be cancelling test sessions at this time, but the trend from the state thus far has been to eliminate situations where people will be in close contact, so I think it's a safe bet to assume that they will be cancelling some test sessions in the near future.

*The 2020 Graduation Banquet has been CANCELLED for this year. I intend to have a smaller completion ceremony with the graduating apprentices prior to their advancement to Journeyman this summer. Details for this event will be planned and graduating apprentices will be notified once I have more information.

*The LB Open Golf Tournament has been CANCELLED for this year. Any 4th year apprentices that have been working on donations for this year's LB Open Golf Tournament, please suspend reaching out to vendors to collect donations. If you've received any donations so far, please return them and thank them for their support.

I understand the inconvenience that this creates for all of us, but these events are out of our control and we must do what is necessary to stay on track and continue moving forward, so please bear with us through these challenges. If you have any questions about any of this, feel free to reach out to me.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeremy Thompson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending from the end.

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