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(Neb)-State Colleges Offer Tuition Waiver For Flood/Blizzard-Affected Students

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CHADRON - The Nebraska State College System is launching a tuition waiver program to help students at the 3 state colleges who are experiencing or will experience financial hardships from the impact last month's flooding and blizzard on them and their families.

The 2019 Disaster Relief Tuition Waiver Program has financial waivers starting this fall for both new and returning students, based on need and availability, but System Chancellor Dr Paul Turman says the schools are also willing to work on other options with students having unique circumstances.

Returning students should contact their school's financial aid office while incoming students should contact their school's admission office. There is no fee to apply.

Turman, who visited Chadron State last month with Governor Pete Ricketts to hear first-hand from local producers about the impact of the blizzard and flooding, says the tuition waiver program is just one more way the system and the 3 colleges can support their students and neighbors.

He points out that Chadron State, Peru State, and Wayne State have already initiated temporary housing, meal options, and other programs to support current students, staff members, and community members who are in need due to the storms.

State College Trustees chairman Gary Bieganski of rural Chadron says the 3 colleges will continue to be community partners in the long-term challenges posted by the blizzard and flooding, helping in every way they can including providing volunteer opportunities for students to help rebuild the affected communities and keep Nebraska strong.

Bieganski says the mission of the Nebraska State College System is to keep a high quality, affordable higher education option available for all students who want to attend college, with the schools working with them to make their dreams possible.