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DIRECTIVE: JOB CORPS PROGRAM INSTRUCTION NOTICE NO. 19-15

TO: ALL JOB CORPS NATIONAL OFFICE STAFF

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Office of Job Corps

SUBJECT: Spring Break Extension

1. <u>Purpose</u>. Extension of Job Corps Spring Break.

2. <u>Background</u>. Job Corps established a spring break for all Job Corps centers on March 16, 2020, in light of COVID-19 concerns and the Center for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines. Job Corps continues to communicate with contractors and other stakeholders; monitor the activities of the state and local jurisdictions regarding school closures, shelter-in-place orders, and other COVID-19 related activities; and review White House Coronavirus Task Force and CDC guidance on responding to COVID-19.

Job Corps has a national footprint and, when spring break was announced, had nearly 30,000 students enrolled in its program from all 50 states. The CDC reports COVID-19 exists in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico, the Northern Mariana Islands, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Spring break was a measure taken to minimize the potential COVID-19 threat within the Job Corps community even before the disease was widespread and before the existence of at least 44 state shelter-in-place orders. Now, when considering the reopening of Job Corps physical facilities, we must also examine the logistics and health risks associated with safely transporting thousands of students to 121 centers across the U.S., using limited supplies of personal protective equipment, enforcing physical distances at centers with large student bodies, and implementing other precautionary measures in complex school settings. In fact, it is noteworthy that 17 states and 2 U.S. territories have ordered or recommended school building closures for the rest of the academic year.²

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¹Centers for Disease Control, cases in the U.S., https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/cases-updates/cases-in-us.html (last accessed April 9, 2020).

- 3. <u>Action</u>. Effective April 14, 2020, Job Corps will extend spring break through May 10, 2020.
- 4. <u>Expiration Date</u>. This Notice is effective immediately and modifies PIN 19-14, creating COVID-19 spring break, issued on March 16, 2020.
- 5. <u>Inquiries</u>. Inquiries should be directed to the appropriate Job Corps Regional Director.

²Coronavirus and School Closures (2020, March 6). Education Week. Retrieved Month Day, Year from https://www.edweek.org/ew/section/multimedia/map-coronavirus-and-school-closures.html (last accessed April 9, 2020)