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Dear Harold Washington College Community,

I hope that all of you enjoyed the day off on Monday. I know it was much needed for many of us, including myself. The beginning of the term is always a busy time. But, before we know it, it will be the end of the semester!

Today, the college community engaged in a conversation about our [Strategic Plan](#). The plan aims to bring new achievements, opportunities, and successes in six key areas – *Academic Excellence, Student Experience, Equity, Collaboration, Economic Responsiveness, and Institutional Health* – over the next five years. The plan has gone through several iterations to get to where it is now, thanks to your on-going feedback and District Office’s guidance. Now, we are at the *home stretch* for finalizing the plan next month. We must continue to collaborate, listen to, and learn from one another, and gain a deeper understanding of our college as a whole. In the next few weeks, we will be engaging you in a series of discussions. I hope you will join in the conversation and contribute to the plan. You can also feel free to provide feedback to the plan on your own time [here](#). Thank you for your partnership in this work. Together, I know we will develop a plan that leads to an inspiring and innovative future for all of us.

As always, I have office hours via [Zoom](#) every Wednesday, from 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm. Please feel free to connect with me.

Here are the College Updates for this week:

- General HWC Announcements is updated weekly and can be found [here](#).
- There is one week left to register for the 12-week fall 2020 credit session. Registration ends next Thursday, September 17. To see what classes are available, visit the [course catalog](#) and click on “Class Schedules.”
- Interested faculty or staff are invited to attend a Developmental Education Town Hall to learn more about the work, ask questions, and engage in dialogue on this critically important work. Join via Zoom on September 14 from 3:00 to 4:00. For planning purposes, we ask that you [RSVP here](#).
- In partnership with [Enlace Chicago](#), HWC will launch an Equity Response Team. Enlace Chicago, a community-based organization in Little Village, has received funding to support approximately 150 Little Village students transitioning from high school to

college. If you're interested in advancing our equity efforts at the college and the Chicago community, please reach out to the [Asif Wilson](#).

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