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Dear Education Student,

Re: Tk20 Subscription Information for Students Enrolled Spring 2013

This is a great time to be at Coppin State University where opportunities abound for those aspiring to build better futures for all as tomorrow's teachers, administrators and human development professionals. Having joined the School of Education over 5 months ago, I am still learning about the richness of our programs and the experiences of our students, but I already know that Coppin State University is a special place to get your teaching certification or prepare yourself for a career in school administration.

In addition, the State of Maryland is embarking on a comprehensive reform of public education. Our faculty's research expertise and well-prepared graduates of the School of Education at Coppin State University will play an even larger role in leading Maryland's children to excellence. In order to achieve this goal, we must systematically and regularly assess our progress and use the data we collect to inform where we focus our efforts to improve.

To help us in this effort, we have purchased Tk20, a comprehensive system that will provide all of us with a rich set of tools to manage our growth, improve our processes, and make tasks easier. The Tk20 system is required of all Education majors, both undergraduate and graduate, to allow them to:

- 1. Create the Teacher Education e-Portfolios for documenting your work for presentation to faculty and prospective employers.
- 2. Have a fully documented record of their field experience and student teaching.
- 3. Build course based performance artifacts electronically online. Your artifacts will stay with you so you can use them for years up to 10 years after graduation. This will be a great benefit to you as you seek to advance in your education career and build your career portfolio over time.

Beginning Spring 2013, in addition to a course textbook, all courses offered through the School of Education will require the use of Tk20. As a student, you will need to have access to the program. The Tk20 subscription of \$100 (when purchased online) is a one-time only, non-refundable registration fee. If you are enrolled in student teaching or you've not yet been admitted into the School of Education, you will be able to subscribe at a discounted rate of \$ 65.00 (when purchased online). You will be able to subscribe to the program directly online at http://coppin.Tk20.com or via the University bookstore where you may use your financial aid to purchase Tk20 as you would other course materials. You also will receive additional details about Tk20 from your professor either through the course syllabus or shortly thereafter on the use of the Tk20 completing specific key assessments for the course throughout the spring 2013.

We do understand that a college education requires a significant investment of time and resources and we are committed to helping you achieve the greatest return on your investment. We have spent a considerable amount of time finding the best system to meet your needs and that of your teacher education program.

Best regards to you this spring 2013 semester,

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