



To: UAPB Faculty, Staff, and Students
From: Laurence B. Alexander, J.D., Ph.D.
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Re: **Special Announcement**

We want to thank the students, faculty and, staff for transitioning to virtual operations this week. We understand that the worst of the weather is behind us. However, due to the local power outages, and remaining ice patches around campus, the university will be closed on Friday, February 3, 2023. Although the campus has power, many residents in Jefferson and surrounding areas are without power. Individuals in positions designated as critical positions (**Campus Police and Public Safety, Technical Services, Facilities Management, UAPB Dining, and senior-level administrators**) should report to their supervisor for further instructions.

Faculty and Students should report to their classes utilizing virtual modalities.

Arrangements have been made for students who remain in our residence halls. Deicer will be placed on walkways around the dining and residence halls. However, we ask that you be mindful of any areas that remain slippery as you move about campus.

Dining hours have been modified for the safety of our students and dining staff. Revised hours will be posted on the [UAPB Dining Services](https://uapb.campusdish.com/) webpage (<https://uapb.campusdish.com/>).

When on-campus operations are suspended, the Chancellor or members of the Executive Cabinet may authorize the use of virtual modalities for business operations and academic instruction. Please check with your supervisor or instructor as warranted for additional information.

The safety of our students and employees is extremely important, however, we cannot predict or analyze local road conditions. The university may reopen while public schools and local child-care centers remain closed. It is the responsibility of employees to notify their direct supervisors if they cannot report to work.

We will continue to monitor the weather. Please continue to monitor the Campus Bulletin, UAPB Website, and local news for further updates.