

## **FARM Public Notification – Northpoint Bible College**

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The Massachusetts Department of Higher Education (Department) cannot confirm that Northpoint Bible College has sufficient resources to sustain operations at current levels and substantially fulfill its obligations to enrolled and admitted students for both the current and the subsequent academic year.

The Department is issuing this notice pursuant to the regulatory notification requirements set forth in the Department's Financial Assessment and Risk Monitoring (FARM) regulations, 610 CMR 13.04(2). More information on the Department's work in this area can be accessed through the following link: <https://www.mass.edu/strategic/farm.asp>

The Department is working closely and collaboratively with the institution to ensure that institutional leaders, including the board of trustees, are exploring all reasonable options and leveraging all available resources to support a long-term plan that prioritizes the best interests of students, faculty, and staff. As required under state law, this long-term planning process includes contingency planning to establish an orderly process in case the institution decides not to sustain operations at or near current levels over the next 18 months. The Department's requirements for contingency planning include developing multiple academic options and pathways, organizing robust student support services, and communicating timely notifications to relevant stakeholders; and together, these contingency planning components seek to enable students and their families to continue their education with minimal disruption.

We look forward to continuing our work in partnership with Northpoint Bible College's Board of Trustees, and President Tiff Shuttlesworth and his leadership team to identify opportunities where the Department can provide additional resources and expertise, in furtherance of both organizations' strong and mutual commitment to ensure that students receive the benefits of completing their education in a timely manner.

Protecting the interests of the college community, especially students, remains the top priority of Northpoint Bible College and the Department.

### **Northpoint Bible College Statement**

President Tiff Shuttlesworth, along with Northpoint's Board of Trustees, accepts the high standards and accountabilities of accreditation and approval. The College welcomes the oversight of the Massachusetts Board of Higher Education in monitoring its institutional

health. Northpoint affirms its commitment to operating in full compliance with the Board's high standards, in providing for the current academic needs of its students, as well as taking any and all necessary steps to secure the continuation of the college's academic programs.

The College's leadership humbly acknowledge the decline in student enrollment and subsequent debts over the past years that were further exacerbated by severe institutional hurdles during the pandemic. Northpoint has undergone an intense and systematic assessment of all critical factors and has responded with a new leadership model. Fiscal integrity is a top priority, and the President and Board remain focused on full financial recovery. Northpoint's Fall 2023 enrollment ended eight years of decline, and for the Spring 2024 semester the College enrolled the most new students in over a decade for a spring semester. 2023 brought in 187 new donors who had never given to Northpoint before, which is also unprecedented. In dependence upon God, the leadership, faculty and staff are working and praying for the full recovery of Northpoint Bible College going forward.

While acknowledging that there is still much to accomplish in order to correct its course, President Shuttlesworth and the Board believe there is evidence of progress made over the past several months. The entire Northpoint community looks forward to celebrating the College's 100th Anniversary this fall.

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