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Centralia College is preparing for a state government shutdown in the event legislators are unable to come to a budget agreement by the June 30 deadline.

If a shutdown does occur, the college is prepared to use tuition revenue to maintain services through July. No summer classes or programs will be canceled and no temporary layoff notices will be used to employees other than those on state contract operations.

“Centralia College understands any loss of service, any cancellation of classes, will be detrimental to the success of our students, many of whom are working year-round to finish their degrees or complete workforce programs,” Centralia College President Robert Frost said in a press release. “We are committed to doing anything in our power to support these students and keep our doors open.”

In the event of a state government shutdown, Centralia College will notify the campus community of impending action. The general operating budget and federal grant programs will continue to operate throughout the summer quarter. State grant-funded program employees may receive notices sooner, as funding cutoff notices are received.

Frost said that although he is confident a deal will be reached with the state leaders, the college is planning for every possible contingency just in case.