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Seattle Central issues Occupy Seattle trespass notices

SEATTLE – In a meeting this morning between Occupy Seattle and Seattle Central Community College, college officials informed members of the encampment that trespass notices will be posted today.

The [Notice of Trespass](#) informs campers that after 72 hours they can be cited for trespassing; 72 hours is a standard time period used for removing trespassers across the state and in individual municipal jurisdictions.

The posting follows three recent official actions: On Nov. 23, the Seattle Community College District Board of Trustees voted to approve an emergency rule prohibiting camping on college property because of imminent health and safety issues. On that same day, Occupy Seattle filed a temporary restraining order to prohibit enforcement of the rule. On Dec. 2, a Thurston County Superior Court upheld the college district's emergency rule.

Close to 100 campers have been occupying the South Plaza at Seattle Central since Oct. 29. Since that date, college leadership has been meeting regularly with representatives of Occupy Seattle over ongoing concerns about health and safety at the encampment.

Starting today, staff from Seattle Central will be distributing trespass notices, talking with campers, and telling them they need to move from the campus.

At today's meeting, Seattle Central president Dr. Paul Killpatrick told Occupy Seattle representatives that the college continues to hope for a peaceful resolution. "No one wants a confrontation," he said. "This still has the potential to end peacefully. Occupy Seattle will determine the outcome."

Chancellor Wakefield reinforced the goal of a positive outcome in a message to the community after last week's court decision. "We are committed to resolving the situation peacefully, but we will need the cooperation of Occupy Seattle for this to happen."

The Seattle Community College District:

The Seattle Community College District educates and trains more than 51,000 students every year at Seattle Central, North Seattle and South Seattle Community Colleges; the Seattle Vocational Institute; and four specialized training centers, including the Seattle Maritime Academy, Wood Construction Center, New Holly Learning Center and the Georgetown Campus.

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