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If you are running late to a session with a legitimate reason please text Anna Argeropoulos at 347-661-4166to let her know of your situation or you will be considered tardy. Please include your name in the text.

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