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# Strategic planning: Review of external data/information

## Briefing theme: Community Engagement

### Background:

Much has been written from thought leaders and pundits alike about how the pandemic has caused a once-in-a-lifetime disruption to almost all sectors, including post-secondary education. However, the COVID-19 pandemic has not been a change agent so much as an accelerant of trends already well underway. In what some are calling "post-Corona", several real threats and opportunities lie ahead for higher education.

The following briefing provides a synthesis of these trends that are disrupting the post-secondary sector that are specific to the University of Calgary and are being addressed by the University. This is pertinent for the University of Calgary to consider as we embark on the development of our next strategic plan.

### Key Trends Identified:

Widespread attempts to deepen the commitment to open tKey Trends I 95055' 5 by 8 NH

New found engagement opportunities.