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Dear Iowa State Community:

As a leading institution of science and technology, Iowa State University takes pride in being forward thinking and constantly investing in the advancement of its mission. To this end, with the endorsement of the Board of Regents, we have decided to streamline and improve day-to-day administrative functions. This will enable us to be more effective and efficient with our resources, and most importantly, meet the changing needs of our students, faculty, and staff.

To assist us with this transformation, Iowa State has selected Workday, a leading enterprise software system with a specialization in higher education. Workday provides us the opportunity to move beyond the computer systems that have been in use for over 40 years. The implementation of this system will enable us to fundamentally improve human resource, finance, and student business processes and services across the university. It will be a complex multi-year journey that will challenge all of us to think and perform in new and different ways. But this transformation will yield extraordinary results by providing timely, cost-effective, mobile-enabled functionalities to all users. As this program progresses, we will provide regular updates and insights to the campus community to keep everyone informed.

The support and engagement of the entire Iowa State community is critical to the success of this endeavor. I want to thank you in advance for sharing your knowledge and expertise in the continued effort to better serve our university.

Sincerely,

Steven Leath
President