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TO: Las Cruces campus faculty and staff

FROM: Garrey Carruthers, President 

SUBJECT: Disclosure of athletic director applicants

Earlier this week, we released to the media the names of 48 individuals who applied for NMSU's athletics director position. After narrowing the pool to 11 candidates, we released to the media the names of those individuals as well.

The release of these names was triggered by formal information requests by the media. Since then, a number of people around campus have raised concerns that releasing such information so early in the search process may discourage qualified individuals from applying for future job postings at NMSU. I believe those concerns are valid, and expressed that to our legal counsel, but I also understand that we are bound by law to disclose that information once it is requested.

Going forward, our plan is to remain as open and as transparent as possible while continuing our work to make this a caring community that transforms lives through discovery.