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TO: Our NMSU Community

FROM: Dan E. Arvizu, Chancellor

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Dan E. Arvizu'.

SUBJECT: Thank you

Today marks a changeover for New Mexico State University. I believe accelerating this transition will allow the university to put its full focus on finding our next permanent chancellor. This separation is truly mutual. For the past five years, my only motivation has been to do what I believe is in the best interest of NMSU, and transitioning now will allow the university to devote the time and effort needed over the next several months for a successful search.

I am not a traditional university administrator; I didn't grow up in the academy. My expertise is in energy research and in materials and process science, development and deployment. In 2018, I was honored to be selected as Chancellor of this great university system. Since then, it has been my privilege to lead this institution through some tough times, navigate a pandemic, and engineer the turnaround. Now, the time has come to accelerate the transition to a new Chancellor.

This will allow me to return to my other passions enabled by my work on the President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology, the National Academy of Engineering work, and my work on other boards. There are pressing national issues, many of which have great significance to mankind, where I can devote my efforts. I also intend to relax and be more selective on how I spend my time.

I have met so many incredible people during my time here. I've gained some great friendships and established some wonderful relationships with friends and colleagues. We have exceptional students and exceptional employees and faculty who are stewards of this mission of this university. I will miss interacting with each of you as often as I have.

Thank you, everyone, for your support during my time here. Go Aggies!