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TO: All NMSU Employees

FROM: Chancellor Dan Arvizu

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SUBJECT: NMSU Websites Changes

NMSU's websites provide a platform to showcase our university's best qualities and highlight how we serve the diverse needs of the state and broader community. Our web presence is a strategic asset that carries influence and provides global access to all aspects of the university.

The university is taking new, strategic steps to improve our collective web presence by reducing the number of public facing NMSU websites and moving websites needed for internal use or university business operations behind a single sign-on/firewall environment for access. The platform the university has selected for public facing sites is Cascade and WordPress will continue to be used for internal facing sites.

In alignment with NMSU LEADS 2025 and in order to support NMSU's success across all disciplines and to advance research, scholarship and creativity, it is important to ensure the "most-visible" public representation of this institution (our NMSU web presence) is easy to navigate and effectively conveys important information for prospective students, donors, and visitors. This must be done while also mitigating cybersecurity risk and ensuring legal requirements in privacy and web accessibility are met.

The target date for migration of the selected sites is July 2020. The NMSU community will be notified of migration timelines and training opportunities for website administrators throughout this process. More information about this transition can be found at nmsu.edu/cascade-migration.

Thank you for your attention to this very important matter. Please do not hesitate to contact Melissa Chavira via email at wecomm@nmsu.edu if you have any questions or concerns regarding this notice.