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NMSU Community,

I'm pleased to share that our Provost search is progressing right on schedule. The Search Committee and our Committee Chairs have been working with tremendous focus, thoughtfulness, and collaboration. Their commitment to an inclusive and thorough process continues to move the search forward and on schedule.

As we enter the next phase of the search, I want to encourage the entire campus community to **reserve time during the week of March 9-13**, when finalist candidates are expected to visit campus. These visits will include open forums and engagement opportunities for faculty, staff, students, and other stakeholders. Your participation will be essential in helping us identify the leader who will guide our academic mission in the years ahead.

More details—including candidate information, schedules, and feedback opportunities—will be shared as we get closer. For now, thank you for your continued support of this important process and for helping us maintain the momentum that has brought us to this exciting stage.

Sincerely,



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President
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