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The Honorable Tony L. Dearman  
Director  
Bureau of Indian Education  
1849 C Street NW  
Washington, DC 20240

Dear Director Dearman:

It has been nearly one year since the removal of Haskell Indian Nations University's president, and it is essential for the school to have stable leadership to meet the needs of its current and future students. I seek a written update on the search process and an expected timeline for naming a permanent replacement. It is my hope for a new president to be in place in time for the 2022-2023 academic year.

I am grateful for Dr. Tamarah Pfeiffer's willingness to serve the school in an interim capacity. However, as I am sure you appreciate, a permanent president is necessary to develop and execute a long-term strategic vision for the university. A permanent president, working with Haskell's Board of Regents, faculty and staff, and the school's students, can enhance the academic experience in the years ahead. For my part, I am eager to resume exploring and, if possible, helping to facilitate several initiatives the school has raised with my office under previous leadership.

In my role as a member of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, rarely do I have a conversation with tribal leaders throughout the country in which a connection to Haskell is not raised. Haskell's impact on Indian Country is immeasurable, and the school is a source of pride for the Lawrence community, as well, with many leaders sharing with me their interest in Haskell's well-being. It is in everyone's best interests, especially those of Haskell's students, to find a permanent president immediately.

I thank you for your attention to this matter, and I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

  
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