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Dear UA Community –

This morning I notified the chair of the University of Wisconsin search committee that I am withdrawing from further consideration as President of the University of Wisconsin System.

After deep reflection as to where I am called to lead a university system through these challenging times, it is clear to me and my family that it is here in Alaska. I appreciate the strong support from the search committee at Wisconsin, and for all those who supported my candidacy, but it's clear they have important process issues to work out.

I look forward to working with the Board of Regents and university leaders to chart the course for the next several years as this great university serves the people of Alaska, meeting their needs for higher education and creating opportunities for a more prosperous state.

Thank you,
Jim Johnsen