



Dear Friends of Rutgers,

As you likely know, Richard L. McCormick has recently announced his intention to step down from the presidency at the end of this coming academic year. We are grateful for Dick's many contributions to Rutgers and look forward to his continuing leadership over the coming year.

The governing boards now face the challenge of recruiting a new president to lead the university. As a valued friend of Rutgers, we wanted you to know that we are launching a national search and are intent upon finding the very best candidates for this critically important position. We welcome your suggestions and nominations and appreciate your support and help.

Befitting the importance of our task, a Presidential Search Committee has been formed and the boards have retained the services of one of the nation's most experienced presidential search consultants. The search committee is composed of 24 individuals representing the university's various constituencies. These individuals have generously agreed to devote whatever time is necessary to assure that the board has an exemplary pool of candidates to consider for the post. A list of the search committee members can be found at presidentialexch.rutgers.edu and you should feel free to contact any of these individuals or us with your suggestions. Nominations may also be sent directly to the presidential search website at presidentialexch.rutgers.edu/submit-nominations and comments can be submitted at presidentialexch.rutgers.edu/community-input/general-comments-form.

The search firm of R. William Funk & Associates will assist us with the search. Mr. Funk is widely recognized as the leading recruiter of university and college presidents in the nation. He has an impressive track record of helping universities around the country attract outstanding new leaders. The following universities are currently headed by an individual Mr. Funk has helped recruit, among many others: Cornell University; University of Washington; University of Virginia; University of Minnesota; University of Southern California (USC); Georgia Tech; Clemson University; University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; University of Kansas; University of Oregon; and Purdue University.

Rutgers is an important institution that has had a positive impact on the lives of hundreds of thousands of individuals and has contributed significantly to the educational and economic well-being of the residents of our state and beyond. The Rutgers governing boards are committed to continuing this legacy. With your assistance and support, Rutgers University will continue to be a beacon of what is best in higher education.

Very truly yours,

Handwritten signature of Ralph Izzo in black ink.

Ralph Izzo
Chair
Board of Governors

Handwritten signature of Greg Brown in black ink.

Greg Brown
Chair
Presidential Search Committee

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Linda Stamato
Vice Chair
Presidential Search Committee