
[ISUSTUDENTS-L] A message from Vice President Johnson, April 10, 2026

From Division of Student Affairs

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To isustudents-l <isustudents-l@ilstu.edu>



Dear members of the Redbird community,

As we head into the weekend, I want to provide an update on student services following a strike by AFSCME Local 1110, the union that represents approximately 350 Illinois State University employees, primarily in janitorial, grounds, and dining positions. I know you may be receiving and seeing many conflicting messages about your meal plan service and campus cleaning. I want to reiterate that maintaining a high level of quality for all student services is a top priority for the University.

Both dining centers are open under normal hours of operation. [NetNutrition](#) remains the most reliable and up-to-date source for information about food offerings at Watterson Dining Commons and Marketplace at Linkins. While stations may occasionally be consolidated, the menus reflect our normal, wide variety of freshly prepared offerings.

Information about retail dining hours and offerings is always available on the [dining website](#). Students may continue using their meal plan (flex dollars and swipes) as normal.

Residence halls remain a priority for cleaning on campus. If there are specific concerns about residence hall cleanliness or operation of equipment, students should follow normal reporting practices, typically starting at the residence hall's front desk. All campus buildings continue to be cleaned and have trash and recycling collected.

Frequently asked questions regarding the strike and negotiations are regularly updated on the [Status of Negotiations with AFSCME Local 1110 webpage](#), with additional information communicated directly to impacted parties, as appropriate.

Sincerely,

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Vice President for Student Affairs



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