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## [ISUSTUDENTS-L] A message from Vice President Johnson - Committed to serve students

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From Division of Student Affairs

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

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Dear members of the Redbird community,

This communication is an update to a [March 26 communication](#) to the campus community, providing important developments regarding contract negotiations with AFSCME Local 1110, the Union representing approximately 350 of Illinois State University's employees, primarily in janitorial, grounds, and dining positions.

I want to make you aware that these employees have the legal ability to strike on Wednesday, April 8, following the notice provided by their union leadership. However, please rest assured that **the University is prepared to implement contingency plans and will continue to operate during a strike, should one occur.** The University is committed to continuing normal operations to the fullest extent possible, with student services our top priority. Details regarding any changes in services and hours will be noted on the "Campus Operations" page of the [Status of Negotiations with AFSCME Local 1110 webpage](#), with additional information communicated directly to impacted parties as appropriate.

We believe that a strike is not in the best interest of our employees or the University community. However, the University fully respects the rights of its employees represented by AFSCME Local 1110 to participate in such activities under the Illinois Educational Labor Relations Act and other applicable laws.

I look forward to continued student success and a positive college experience for each and every student as we make progress toward the end of the spring semester.

Sincerely,

Levester Johnson, Ed.D.  
Vice President for Student Affairs



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