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Dear Governor-Elect Chet Culver,

The opportunities are enormous in the state of Iowa to advance education. I encourage your number one goal to be re-establishing Iowa as the number one education state in America.


Regrettably, the Board of Regents and University of Iowa are embroiled in a controversy that is more personality than substance driven. But it impacts the effectiveness of the role of the Regents and diverts focus from our core mission – promoting excellence in education for all Iowans.

To clear the way to appoint a new Regent that might become President of the Board who could provide renewed leadership, I offer my resignation.

Attached is the announcement I will be making concerning my resignation.

I look forward to working with you in other capacities to serve the people of the state of Iowa.

Cheers,



Tom Bedell