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Hello, Coppin Family:

At the outset, my family and I deeply appreciate all the well wishes, kind words, and thoughtful offerings we have received over the past months. I am so honored to serve as your new President, and my first week on campus has proven to be both busy and enlightening. One thing remains abundantly clear — Coppin State University is poised for greatness.

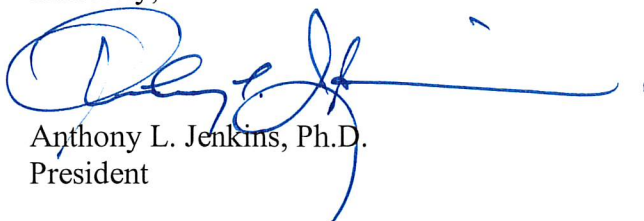
I have been inspired by the stories many of you have shared with me, thus far. Noted educator and statesman, John W. Gardner, once said, “History never looks like history when you’re living through it.” That is precisely what is taking place at Coppin State University. Together, we are in the position to make history. Over the years, many of you have contributed to transforming Coppin State University into a highly outstanding, respected, metropolitan university. Now, as a member of the Eagle Nation, I am driven by the exciting opportunity that we have to change lives, develop meaningful relationships and, ultimately, build a stronger future for our beloved Coppin.

Certainly, my plans for the university include dedicating my efforts towards increasing enrollment, retention, and graduation rates, while also focusing on student leadership opportunities as well as institutional research and teaching innovation. But I also want to hear from you: the Coppin Community.

During my first 100 days in office, I am seeking innovative ideas that will not only position us to be more competitive, relevant, and sustainable, but also help us strengthen the reputation of Coppin State University as we chart our course to becoming a nationally premier, metropolitan, comprehensive research university that excels at student success as our fundamental mission. During this period, your perspective is profoundly important to me, so I urge you to submit and share your thoughts with me using [president@coppin.edu](mailto:president@coppin.edu).

After 100 days, I plan to meet with the campus, the USM Board of Regents, Chancellor, and my leadership team to outline our vision for the future, as well as our strategies, plans, and priorities. I am counting on you to be a part of the team that writes our next chapter of excellence.

Sincerely,



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