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Dear all,

I hope you took some time to enjoy summer in Maine with family and friends and that your fall semesters are off to a smooth start. It's been very busy this summer around the system – more to come on that! – but one matter to dive into first is the status of the ongoing SIS project.

In July, we finalized our selection of Anthology as our new SIS partner, as well as Modern Campus for their Lumens workforce development solution, which will be integrated into Anthology. Since then, the Deer Brook, Anthology and Lumens teams have been working together to plan and prepare us for this next phase of our SIS project: implementation.

It's exciting to reach this stage. The new SIS is more than just updating our tech – it will provide us with new tools and procedures to better serve and support our students. It will save all of us time, through efficiencies and provide more accurate and robust real-time snapshots of our progress.

We launched this journey more than a year ago, in June 2021. Now that we have reviewed and selected Anthology and other partners, we expect that moving from Jenzabar's separate college SIS installations to a single shared cloud-based model will happen in several distinct phases over an extended period of time. This will involve all staff and faculty who currently interact with and/or support our current SIS systems.

We've intentionally put this on a back burner while we get through these first weeks of fall semester. But by the end of September, we will ramp up to more detailed SIS Implementation project communications and activities and start executing on the preparations and planning activities that have been occurring over the summer months.

Who will be the key players for implementation? While it will eventually involve all of us, the effort will be led by a new SIS Implementation Project Steering Committee. This group, along with many supporting staff and faculty from all the colleges and the System office, will help shape and guide the work yet to come.

Ande Smith and his team will continue to represent and reinforce the best interests of the MCCS in all interactions and decision making with our SIS solution partners as well as help facilitate the formation of a strong and successful direct partnership between MCCS and our new partners.

In addition to information and updates shared through the Project Steering Committee, Deer Brook team members and our SIS partners, the RFI / RFP pages of the MyMCCS Portal are being updated to support the Implementation Phase of the project.

In the meantime, if you have any questions or suggestions, please contact your local IT team leader or send an email to the SIS Implementation Project team leaders via SISproject@mccs.me.edu.

Thank you all for the time and hard work you've already contributed and for your continued commitment as we move forward on this mission-critical project.

David