

## Town of Leicester OFFICE OF THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

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Nancy P. Crimmin, Ed.D. President Becker College 61 Sever Street Worcester, MA 01609

Dear President Crimmin;

I was saddened to hear of the College's financial situation and of the uncertainty of Becker's future. Becker has a longstanding legacy in Town going back to the Leicester Junior College days and is a vital part of our community. The Town and the College have enjoyed a great partnership over the years, and it is unfortunate that the COVID-19 pandemic has had such a profound effect impact on all of us.

As you know, the Becker Leicester campus is integral to the Town's center. The College owns a large portion of the Town Common, as well as the May House, the oldest residence in Town. The campus itself is immediately adjacent to the Town Hall, which has given us the ability to share parking for major events. Becker provided the land for our new Fire & EMS Headquarters in exchange for a right of first refusal on the Town Hall and the Leicester Middle School. The significant size of the campus and the extent of college's operations in Leicester have a major impact on our Town.

At this difficult time, I ask that you keep the Town informed as your process evolves. As you may be aware, the Town has issues with the conditions of its schools and athletic fields. We would be interested in exploring potential options with the College.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Regards,

David Genereux
Town Administrator