



**PRESS RELEASE: President Eisler to Remain at Ferris State University**

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Included below is a press release regarding President David Eisler's announcement that he is no longer a candidate for the presidency at Northern Kentucky University. Any questions about this release can be directed to Sandy Gholston, News Services and Social Media Manager via email.

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<http://www.ferris.edu/HTMLS/news/archive/2012/april/eisler.htm>

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BIG RAPIDS - Ferris State University President David Eisler has withdrawn his name from consideration for the position of president at NorthernKentuckyUniversity, where he was one of three finalists for the position. Over the weekend he released the following statement to the Ferris community, which read, in part:

“The past two weeks have been a challenging time for our family as we worked to determine our future path and direction. We never expected the outpouring of support both my spouse Patsy and I have received from so many people throughout our campus and the many communities Ferris serves. We want to thank each and every person who called, wrote, or shared these thoughts with us. We feel the same way about all of you.

“At this point I do not know if a decision has been on the position at NorthernKentucky University, but I want to share with you that we have made our decision and chosen to remain at FerrisStateUniversity. As we considered leaving it became increasingly clear we did not want to do so. The people here and our unique educational mission are too important and dear to us. Through these past weeks we have learned that our place is at Ferris. Based on this experience we have also decided that we will not consider another presidency either now or in the future. It

is an honor to serve as the president of FerrisStateUniversity. I look forward to working with you in the years ahead as we continue to build this great University and to help shape Michigan's future.”

President Eisler is entering his 10th year of leading FerrisStateUniversity. During that time, enrollment has grown from 11,074 to 14,560. Major infrastructure projects under his leadership include a new Michigan College of Optometry building, and exhibition space for Ferris' Jim CrowMuseum in Big Rapids; and new Pharmacy and LearningResourceCenter, and renovated former FederalBuilding in Grand Rapids.

As one of the most senior university leaders in Michigan, President Eisler looks forward to continuing to be a part of the discussion about issues affecting the future of higher education in the state.