

Teammates,

A fun part of our job at DAS is coming up with creative ways to make the State a great place to work. This role takes on added importance given how competitive the job market is, with Nebraska enjoying the lowest unemployment rate in the country at 2%. Some of our recent successes in this area have included [historic compensation agreements](#), [family-friendly](#) benefits, and nation-leading [military and veteran-friendly](#) benefits.

Despite these successes, we're not resting on our laurels. Recently, I joined Governor Ricketts and Southeast Community College President Dr. Illich to [announce a new educational benefit](#) that will be available to state teammates. The Children of State Teammate Tuition Reimbursement Program, similar to our state teammate tuition reimbursement program, will provide tuition assistance to dependents of state teammates attending any of Nebraska's community colleges.

This program will provide another way for us to not only enhance our current teammates' work experience, but also help recruit and retain a strong workforce in state government. This is also a great opportunity for the State to partner with our community colleges and highlight all they can offer as a top choice in Nebraska for higher education.

Thank you to State Personnel Director Kevin Workman and his team for all their work on this exciting initiative. Please keep an eye out for more information on this program in the coming weeks.

Regards,

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