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University Leadership, Deans, Directors, Faculty and Staff,

I am following up on my message from Wednesday afternoon about planning guidance for the Alaska Graduate Workers Association's (AGWA) potential strike.

Late this afternoon, **the University won a court order barring AGWA from striking on Monday and until further guidance from the court is issued.** This means that **you and your teams should continue strike planning as a cautionary measure, but that planning can be less urgent.** Graduate student employees are expected to be at work per usual on Monday. We expect further guidance from the court next week.

UA has and will continue to negotiate in good faith with AGWA to reach a contract that both parties can agree to. We deeply appreciate your patience and flexibility over the last several days - we understand that this is an already busy time of year, and we are truly grateful for your unwavering commitment to ensuring the quality of our students' educational experiences.

As the situation meaningfully changes, we will update you directly. For the most up-to-date information, including updates to FAQs, continue to visit alaska.edu/gseu.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Paul W. Layer".

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