To the Michigan State University campus community:

I have written to you before, and spoken often, about building a culture around values that include safety, respect and kindness. I’m asking you now to tell us how you feel about MSU’s current campus culture to give us a baseline to measure our progress.

The survey
Over the next few weeks, we will conduct the KNOW MORE @ MSU Survey, a study of the culture, perceptions and policies associated with sexual misconduct in the MSU community.

The MSU Relationship Violence and Sexual Misconduct Expert Advisory Workgroup identified a need for more and richer information that could be used to inform prevention programming, policy development, resource provision and culture change on campus.

Completely confidential
To ensure complete confidentiality of your responses and identity, MSU has contracted with an independent nonprofit research organization, RTI International, to administer the survey, process the data and report the results.

Undergraduate, graduate and professional students at Michigan State, along with faculty and staff, will be invited to participate in the brief online survey.

While participation is entirely voluntary, we hope you choose to take the survey because sharing your views and experiences will help inform positive change for our community. Again, MSU will not see any data on individual respondents — only summary tables from RTI that combine the results across those who participated. Summary results also will be released.

How to participate
Look for the survey invitation to arrive at your MSU email address in a couple of days — it will come from KNOWMORE.MSU@rti.org. The email will contain information about how to access the survey, including a link and a unique access code.

Thank you in advance for participating in this important study. We hope everyone given the opportunity to participate will do so. Share your voice. Shape our future.

Yours very sincerely,

Satish Udpa
Acting President