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Statement of Mayor Thomas P. Koch

On Tuesday evening, the College Board of Governors voted to grant my office executive authority over the College's operations on an interim basis to facilitate the swift resolution to the issues facing the college.

The future of Quincy College is absolutely vital to our community, and we will dedicate every resource available to ensure that the current challenges are met and its continued vibrancy ensured.

In the coming days, I will be building a leadership and response team focused on the restoration of the nursing program, ensuring the institution's overall stability, and repairing relationships between the college and its students, parents, state agencies and our community as whole.

I look forward to working in close collaboration with the Board of Governors and the incredibly talented faculty and staff, as well as listening directly to students and all members of the College community. We will act transparently, and I will be reporting back with the first steps in our plan in one week.

While the College has rightly gained a large degree of autonomy over the years, it remains a department of the City of Quincy. My direct involvement reflects the seriousness with which I and many others view the college's current situation. I will make decisions based on what I believe to be the best interests of the college and our City. And I wish to be abundantly clear about one thing – by taking this action, I stand fully accountable for the future of this institution.

I have great confidence that we will put in place the people and plan to preserve and enhance the college's future. In the end, I will be answerable for the results.

Thank you.