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Dear Community Members of Westfield State University,

"It's On Us" is a campaign designed to fundamentally shift ways of thinking about sexual assault by declaring that sexual assault is not only a crime committed by a perpetrator against another, but is a societal problem in which all of us have a role to play. Through the "It's On Us" website (itsonus.org), members of college and university communities nationwide have recognized this collective role and have "taken the pledge" to end sexual violence.

In the attached video, the presidents of the nine Massachusetts state universities, including Westfield State University's President Ramon S. Torrecilha, are "taking the pledge", and by so doing are declaring that there is no place for sexual violence in our state universities. <https://youtu.be/GCseaO6jFoQ>

All members of Westfield State University are encouraged to access the "It's On Us" website and join our presidents and other members of our University community in "taking the pledge." Please be reminded that further information about sexual violence, including methods of reporting and other helpful resources, may be found on the Westfield State University *Sexual Violence and Sexual Misconduct* webpage at <http://www.westfield.ma.edu/sexual-violence>.

As the University's Title IX Coordinator, I want to thank all of you for your continued efforts to combat sexual violence and ultimately help make Westfield State University a safe and respectful learning community.

Sincerely,

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