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Dear Colleagues:

Allen Spiegel, MD, Dean of Albert Einstein College of Medicine and Chief Academic Officer of Montefiore Medicine, shared with the Einstein community last week that he will not seek another term as Dean after his current term comes to an end on May 31, 2018.

Dean Spiegel has been at the helm of Einstein since 2006, leading Einstein in its rise in the ranks of research and educational excellence. During his tenure, Einstein generated \$1.67 billion dollars in National Institutes of Health grant awards, including nearly \$161 million in fiscal year 2016, and this year, Einstein admitted its strongest class ever. Over the period of transition during which Einstein and Montefiore joined forces in the creation of Montefiore Medicine, Dean Spiegel has been steady and strong. He has not only been able to retain key nationally-renowned scientists, but has been a critical partner with Dr. Philip Ozuah in the recent recruitment of extraordinary new chairs of clinical departments—each with a depth of clinical and research experience and a forward thinking approach to transforming healthcare.

Prior to joining Einstein, Dean Spiegel was Director of the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive Diseases and Kidney Diseases, the culmination of a distinguished 33-year-career at the National Institutes of Health. He brought his multidimensional accomplishments to bear at Einstein—outstanding science; excellent classroom and clinical training for students; and premier research doctorate and MD/PhD education. Einstein's extraordinary philanthropic support reached its highest level under his tenure, and of course, the Montefiore-Einstein Centers of Excellence have exceeded all expectations.

Dean Spiegel is a dear friend of mine. From the beginning, we were aligned on values and a shared vision. We knew that Montefiore and Einstein would be stronger through a close partnership—as we liked to say then, 1+1=5.

I will be launching a thoughtful and inclusive process with trustees, leadership, chairs, faculty and the faculty senate to recruit a new Dean over the coming months. Dean Spiegel will be working closely with me to ensure a seamless process and one that positions Einstein for its continued growth.

The Einstein and Montefiore communities are and always will be indebted to what Dean Spiegel built and continues to build to position Einstein as one of the top research enterprises and medical schools in the nation.

Sincerely,



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President and Chief Executive Officer