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HEAD: Johnson College to Offer Option of Four-Day Workweek

Johnson College has announced it will offer its employees the option of working a four-day workweek through mid-August, according to Ann L. Pipinski, Ed.D., President & CEO.

The four-day week will have the same total hours as a traditional five-day week with employees working longer days and having the option of staying home on either Mondays or Fridays. The four-day workweek will be available from mid-July until August 15 so that a full complement of employees is available to assist students when they return to campus for the fall semester.

Dr. Pipinski sees the new schedule as an expression of Johnson College's commitment to environmental efforts. "Even though we're not a large institution, every effort helps and we're pleased to do our part. The four-day workweek will have a positive impact on local sustainability efforts and our employees will save 20% a week on travel expenses." She went on to say, "Some of our employees travel a considerable distance to their jobs every day and the increase in gas costs over the last several months has had a noticeable impact on everyone's personal budget."

The idea to offer an optional four-day week was presented to the Johnson College administration for consideration by an employee group. Bob Valentine, Vice President of Administration, commented, "We encourage our employees to talk with each other, their supervisors and the administration about ideas that will benefit the College community and we were pleased to consider this very worthwhile proposal." The four-day workweek will not be mandatory as some employees may encounter difficulties with working a ten-hour day. "Employees with child-care, personal schedules or health concerns have the option of continuing to work a five-day schedule if they prefer," according to Mr. Valentine.

According to College estimates, employees will save approximately 550 miles a week in travel.

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