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## Governor Hassan's Statement on UNH Using Donation for New Scoreboard

CONCORD – Governor Maggie Hassan issued the following statement on the announcement that the University of New Hampshire will use part of a \$4 million donation for a new scoreboard:

"It is concerning and perplexing that the University of New Hampshire decided to use part of this generous donation on an expensive new scoreboard. There were much more appropriate uses for these funds – such as the library and career center that received part of the donation, the new science building that the university wants or holding down the cost of tuition.

"Ensuring that our young people develop the skills and innovative thinking needed for success in the 21st century economy is critical to our businesses and our state's future, and increasing affordable access to higher education is an important part of our efforts to build an even stronger workforce. I am proud of our bipartisan work to hold down the cost of higher education, including freezing tuition at the university system for the first time in 25 years, and I strongly encourage the university's leadership to be more thoughtful when determining how to use donations such as this."

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