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from the office of the President

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MADISON AREA TECHNICAL COLLEGE DISTRICT

Date: January 23, 2009  
To: Faculty, Staff, and Administrators  
From: Bettsey Barhorst *Bettsey Barhorst*  
Subject: *Community College Survey of Student Engagement (CCSSE) and Student Satisfaction Inventory (SSI)*

This spring, **MATC** has an opportunity to participate in a national survey focusing on teaching, learning, and student engagement in technical and community colleges. The project is housed within The Community College Leadership Program at The University of Texas at Austin.

Research shows that students who read and write more, and who interact in positive ways with their teachers and peers, gain more in terms of essential skills and competencies. Identifying what our students do in and out of the classroom, knowing their goals, and understanding their external responsibilities can help us create an environment that can enhance student learning, development, and retention. This survey explores all of these topics.

The survey will be administered between March 23 and April 4, 2009 in classes randomly selected by CCSSE to ensure a representative sample and to preserve the integrity of the survey results. Instructors whose classes are selected for survey administration will receive specific information about times and procedures from the appropriate administrator. CCSSE will involve roughly 2500 MATC students. It is estimated that it will take 35-45 minutes to complete.

**MATC** has a history of focusing on student success. This survey can assist us in identifying where we are and what further action may be helpful in our continuing work to support and strengthen teaching and learning. Your cooperation and participation in this exciting national survey are sure to enhance our educational programs and services to students.

Between February 24 and March 6, ALL MATC degree credit students will also have the opportunity to participate in the Noel-Levitz Student Satisfaction Inventory (SSI). The SSI is administered online, outside of the classroom and focuses on student satisfaction. Your support of both Noel Levitz SSI and CCSSE will help us gain a deeper understanding of the educational experience MATC students receive.

You may learn more general information about CCSSE from the project website at [www.ccsse.org](http://www.ccsse.org). For MATC specific information, please contact Tom Heaney at 608/246-6402.