

20 April, 2016 (Today)

Madison College Board Special Meeting

4:30 - 6:30 PM

Truax Campus - Room B3243/B3253



The Madison neighborhoods deemed to have significant barriers to opportunity are also neighborhoods with high concentrations of poverty. And two of

the most acute low-opportunity neighborhoods in our community are

in **south Madison** and **southwest Madison**.

As you are aware, "work is the primary way out of poverty." And to make the transition from unemployment to employment is affordable, accessible education for those who need it most.

Recently, President, Jack Daniel's presented a bold educational plan to the Madison College Board of Directors that will provide affordable and accessible education to people of color who reside in South Madison and Southwest Madison. Via this proposal, entitled, "Commit to serving the South Madison community," the Madison College District Board is requested to authorize:

- the College to issue a request for proposals (RFP), within existing regulations and with appropriate contingencies, for a lease (of the real estate which is now occupied by DTEC) with a minimum term of 50 years targeted to commence July 1, 2018. Annual proceeds from the lease of the DTEC real estate will be deposited into the College District's General Fund and annually budgeted as expenditures. To the extent meeting regulatory requirements necessitates additional Board authorization it will be sought.

- the College to enter into negotiations to expand the current Villager Mall facility for a minimum period of 2 years (July 2017 through June 2019) with the option for additional one-year terms on the lease of the facility.
- the College to identify and negotiate terms for a purchased or leased facility in South Madison that meets the instructional and student support needs previously identified by the College. The College shall also identify the associated financial resources for such a facility.

If approved, this ingenious plan of action will:

- provide ability for students to earn a degree without taking courses elsewhere
- serve as catalyst for economic development; partner with community-based organizations
- reduce student apprehension of attending Truax
- connect to other Metro campuses via shuttle service



The next three weeks are critical to the passage and implementation of this initiative;

During the upcoming 20 April meeting, the full Board of Directors of Madison College will listen to comments from Community Members regarding their support or disagreement with the proposed plan of action.

This is "an" important meeting.

Those members of our Community who are able to attend this gathering are asked to provide (individual) sincere verbal expression of what the expansion of educational services by Madison College will mean to the future of our Community and those in need.

Please [click here](#) to register your attendance at the 20 April Meeting.