



**TO: Madison Area Media**  
**FROM: Dr. Jack Daniels, III, President**  
**DATE: October 9, 2015**  
**RE: Madison College's Metro Facilities/Clarification of Details**

We recently shared with you an update regarding the work the College and its District Board will be conducting in the next several months as it relates to Madison College's Metro facilities. This article, [MATC will have to go to voters to develop South Madison campus](#), which appeared today in the Cap Times, contains some information that is inaccurate.

First, the College *will not* be recommending that the Board ask the District's voters to approve a request to borrow new funds for the construction of new or renovation of existing facilities.

Second, the College presented to its Board the state regulations (administered by the WTCS) regarding the leasing of facilities. The legal regulations are clear that the Board has the authority to enter into lease agreements without going to referendum. This authority was used by the Board to enter into the current leases for the Madison West and South campuses.

Third, the WTCS indicated that if the College were to lease a "shell" facility that was not built-out with rooms and ready for the College to move into and offer classes to students, but instead required that the College make expenditures to build-out classrooms, labs and offices, the College could be required to go to referendum. As referenced in the article, if such a scenario presented itself through the process of soliciting spaces for a South Madison facility, the Board could ask the voters of the District to approve the use of funds already held by the District to build-out the facility – a "no cost" referendum.

The Board will not make a decision on facilities until May 2016. The College will continue to provide the Board information regarding how the College can serve the residents of the Madison metro area within its budget constraints. We will keep you informed of any material changes to these plans.

Thank you.