In recent years, copyright law has grown in importance for educational institutions. Title II of the Digital Millennium Copyright Act (“DMCA”) amended the federal copyright law to limit the liability of Internet Service Providers (“ISP”) for certain infringements or violations of the copyright entitlements of another. Milwaukee Area Technical College (“MATC”) is an ISP for its students, faculty, staff and other agents and users.

Title II of the DMCA protects ISP’s from money damages and injunctive relief for the infringing activities of their users. However, to qualify for such protection, the MATC District Board recognizes that it must designate an agent to receive notice from copyright owners containing information concerning alleged infringement.

If MATC is eligible for the ISP liability limitations under the DMCA, MATC understands that it has available more than one course of action in response to a notice. Such response will be determined on a case-by-case basis.

The MATC District Board further recognizes and supports the requirements of the DMCA and directs the administration to: (1) provide information to all MATC users accurately describing and urging compliance with copyright law; (2) adopt, inform its users of and implement a policy on termination of user privileges for repeated infringement; and (3) accommodate and not interfere with standard technical measures that identify and protect copyright owner’s works. With regard to (3) above, the Board recognizes that the law contemplates the creation of such standards over time as copyright owners and service providers work together to reach consensus on such matters.

Consistent with its support for the protection of copyrighted works and the need to protect the interests of MATC, its students, faculty, staff, and other authorized agents, the MATC District Board designates the Vice President and General Counsel as the agent for MATC under the DMCA to receive notices from copyright owners alleging infringements.