Background

Sec. 38.14(14) Wis. Stats. went into effect January 1, 2000 and governs the disclosure and use of student social security numbers. It also requires an alternate student identification system be established. The law's intent is to limit disclosure of an individual's social security number to persons who need it to enable provision of services. It states as follows:

38.14 (14) STUDENT IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS. The district board may assign to each student enrolled in the district a unique identification number. The district board shall not assign to any student an identification number that is identical to or incorporates the student’s social security number. This subsection does not prohibit a district board from requiring a student to disclose his or her social security number, nor from using a student’s social security number if such use is required by a federal or state agency or private organization in order for the district board or the student to participate in a particular program.

Disclosure and Use of Social Security Numbers

Social security numbers will not be used for identification purposes.

The district may require disclosure or use of student social security numbers if required by a federal or state agency (i.e., Financial Aid, etc.), by a private organization, or for appropriate MATC business purposes that comply with the law. Given the above, the MATC District Board hereby authorizes the district to adopt student identification procedures for students that comply with this law.

The district will also implement identification procedures for insuring that students who do not have social security numbers are eligible for college services.