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MATC head supports schools referendum

At Madison Area Technical College we know that the safest and most successful investments are those we make in people. It is a necessity, not a luxury, that our children receive the best education available - a goal we cannot achieve if we continue cutting school resources and positions.

The Madison School District needs a realistic operating budget to educate our children and prepare them for high school, higher education and the workforce.

We all benefit from a generation of youth who are ready to work in high-paying 21st century jobs where they can keep Social Security, Medicare and our economic system alive and strong.

The Madison School Board has asked voters to invest in our community in the upcoming election. Current revenue limits were put into place over 15 years ago, making them irrelevant to our economic times. Through the upcoming referendum we can give the board the authority they need to exceed those outdated limits.

As a long-time partner with the district, Madison Area Technical College supports this referendum because it provides a sound, fair and fiscally responsible investment in today's children, tomorrow's workforce and the quality of life that everyone in our community deserves.

- Bettsey Barhorst, president and CEO, Madison Area Technical College