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Our spring enrollment remains below our target by roughly 300 FTES. There are similar low enrollment trends being reported in our region and several others across our state system. We continue to look for ways to align our offerings with student need and are focusing our effort on expanding our May class offerings to provide opportunities for continuing students to enroll in courses that typically fill during the priority registration period. A communications and marketing plan is being developed as an in-reach effort in support of the expanded early start summer class schedule. MJC had a robust summer last year and we are working toward the same in 2017.

**Strong Workforce Program** MJC and Columbia College have wrapped up the first round of local share and regional share planning and allocation. The Strong Workforce Program was funded at \$200M statewide bringing new opportunity for more and better career technical education programs with specific accountability measures to our colleges. There were 17 high quality proposals totaling \$6,555,469 making it a tough task for the review body to select the proposals that will receive the first round of funding. This first round process will serve as the spring board for debrief and evaluation of the proposal process, the rubric, the guidelines, and support leading to improvement for the next round of funding.

**Accreditation 2017** The working drafts of the Standard narratives are posted on our website for review and feedback. From [mjc.edu](http://mjc.edu) select About, Accreditation, Accreditation 2017 or simply use this [link](#). You can also review the drafts of the functional map and introduction. The drafts are updated weekly with version tracking to provide ongoing access to the most current iteration of the narrative. Thank you to those who have provided input during this iterative writing process!

**Education Master Plan** On Monday, College Council received an introduction to the proposed Educational Master Plan from the EMP workgroup. The EMP is a five-year workplan developed to guide MJC toward achieving measurable institutional goals in alignment with our mission and 2016-2021 Strategic Plan. The ambitious plan connects all of our college plans in a cohesive manner providing a holistic approach to complexities of the integration of our major initiatives. More than 200 individuals participated in the charrettes and data discussions that informed the development of the EMP proposal and Workgroup made it very clear that broad feedback is critical in the development of the final draft. You can access the [EMP Proposal here](#) and are encouraged to email suggestions to [abbotj@mjc.edu](mailto:abbotj@mjc.edu).

As I look out the window and see the sun shining on the stately deodar cedars, I can't help but think.... It's a great day to be at MJC!

*The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically.*

*Intelligence plus character - that is the goal of true education.*  
**Martin Luther King, Jr.**

Warm regards,

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