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Dear Colleagues and Friends,

After more than 17 years as the president of Minneapolis Community and Technical College (MCTC), I have decided to accept Chancellor Steven Rosenstone's invitation to serve on his cabinet as associate vice chancellor and the next managing director of the Campus Service Cooperative (CSC).

The CSC is one of our system's most important new initiatives. It has been the incubator for innovative partnerships and collaborations among our 31 colleges and universities. The CSC has helped to reduce operating costs for the system and has found creative ways to improve services to students, faculty and staff. The chancellor has asked me to continue this important work.

I accepted the interim presidency of MCTC in February of 1997, with the expectation that I would serve for only a few months. I remember vividly how honored I was to lead a college that served the residents of Minnesota's largest city, a city to which my grandparents immigrated in the 1920s and which was my father's childhood home. It was a thrill beyond my wildest dreams, even if it was to last for a brief time.

In July 1998 the MnSCU Board of Trustees appointed me president of MCTC. The job has been my life's most extraordinary learning experience and I will forever cherish the students, faculty, staff, administrators and community leaders with whom I have been privileged to work.

I am excited about this new chapter in my professional life; I feel good about what we have accomplished for our students and the city of Minneapolis during my tenure as president of MCTC and I am eager to continue the partnership work that I love to do. Fortunately, my new role will allow me to continue working with all of you and with my colleagues from around the state. I will be leaving the presidency in September, 2014

Thank you for all the support you've given me during my service as president of MCTC. I could not have done this job without your friendship and wise counsel.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Phillip L. Davis". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a light blue horizontal line.

Phillip L. Davis
President