

Massachusetts Community College Council

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Welcome from the MCCC President

Dear Colleague:

I wish to extend a personal welcome to you on behalf of the Massachusetts Community College Council – the MCCC. As a Professor of English at Northern Essex Community College, I have been a proud union member since 1988.

As you read the enclosed and on-line materials, you will see that you have a choice in your level of participation in our Division of Continuing Education unit – as a member, or as an agency fee payer. I hope you will join me and 99% of your full-time, and most of your part-time, colleagues as a member, but that is entirely your choice.

You should start receiving our newsletter, the *MCCC News*, soon, if you don't already receive it. You can also always access the current and back issues on our web site. The *News* will help keep you apprised of what is going on in your union.

Browse our MCCC web site: <http://mccc-union.org>. Start with the **DCE/Part-time Quicklink** on the home page. There you will find much information about your union, including information about health insurance possibilities and OBRA, the pseudo-retirement system into which the Commonwealth requires that you pay. You can do all the enclosed paperwork online, too, through the same Quicklink.

You can read/download a copy of your DCE contract online – or call the office to request a printed copy.

As I noted above I hope you will elect to join the MCCC and not simply pay an agency fee. If you do join, you should soon receive an MTA membership card and explanation of benefits of MTA membership, including, notably, professional liability insurance and legal assistance under some circumstances, besides good insurance rates, reduced and free admissions to museums and other attractions, and other economic benefits of having an MTA membership card. Many members actually save the cost of their dues by using these opportunities, described at <http://www.mtabenefits.com/>.

In any case I wish you a wonderful semester doing what you and I love to do – empowering the Commonwealth's citizens, of all ages and backgrounds, to achieve their dreams, and helping to make our Massachusetts economy work for everyone.

In Solidarity,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joe'.

Joseph LeBlanc
MCCC President

**Do all this paperwork online. Use the
DCE/PT Quicklink mentioned above.**