

To: Jim Owczarski, city clerk
Cc: Common Council President, Alderman Willie Hines
Cc: Members, Steering and Rules; Common Council Alderpersons
Re: Quest Milwaukee, Charter School Applicant

This letter is in response to the application for a charter school designation by Quest Milwaukee. I am *against* the application.

Some points in the 450-page application gave me pause for concern, ie..no facility, no principal or teachers, or any potential staff members 'in the wings' to be employed. Who is buying in to the concept of the school except the Institute for Transformation of Learning?

Students will be 'self motivated' to forge forward in learning core subjects and teachers will 'intervene' and tutor and mentor students if they fall behind. 'No texts are needed' said Dr. Fuller, board member of Quest, because all instructional materials will be on the internet or in the technological mode.

I'm further concerned that there is no opportunity highlighted in the curriculum for students to communicate/socialize with each other although the world stage demands this. Where is foreign language, biology, sports, clubs.?

Many important questions were posed to Quest at the Charter School Review Committee regarding the above mentioned items including financial obligations asked by member Mike Daun.

I think the fact that four of the six member committee are/were in some way affiliated with Dr. Fuller and the Institute for Transformational Learning and the committee reviews not only ALL the potential charter schools that come before Steering and Rules but Quest also has its 3-member board all connected to the Institute. This may not be illegal but it doesn't pass the 'smell test'.

Finally, I would hope that the Common Council will delve more deeply into the rationale for granting the application by Quest Milwaukee until major questions by the Charter School Review Committee are answered. Several interested parties were at the Steering and Rules meeting June 21, 2012 and asked to speak but at the discretion of the chair, were not allowed.

How much longer will the children of the Black community continue to be the objects of 'experimentation' and monies from the city, via the state, be used to fund all these 'unproven' charter schools.

Respectfully, please place this letter in files of Steering and Rules
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