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May 9, 2007

City Attorney Grant Langley  
City Attorney's Office  
Room 716 – Zeidler Municipal Building

**Re: \$9.1 Million for Milwaukee Public Schools**

Dear Mr. Langley:

As you are aware, the City of Milwaukee inadvertently levied \$9.1 million less for 2007 budget purposes than appeared to have been requested by Milwaukee Public Schools (MPS). MPS has requested payment of the \$9.1 million from the City by June 30, 2007.

Your office, the Comptroller's Office, and the Department of Administration – Budget & Management Division have undertaken discussions regarding various options available to the City for the payment of these funds to MPS.

If the City of Milwaukee determines for any reason that it is unwilling or unable to pay the full \$9.1 million to MPS by June 30, 2007, what are the specific legal implications of non-payment?

Your expedient response and guidance in this matter is greatly appreciated. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

  
MICHAEL J. MURPHY  
Alderman, 10<sup>th</sup> District

CC: Mayor Tom Barrett  
W. Martin Morics  
Mark Nicolini  
Vincent Moschella