

February 18, 2016

City of Milwaukee  
Steering & Rules Committee

Subject: File #150804, Charter School Review Committee 2014-2015 Annual Report

Ald. Michael Murphy, Chair  
Steering & Rules Committee Members

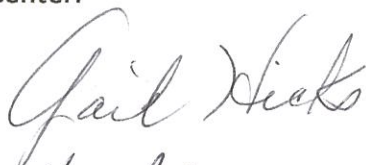
The MMSA Charter School was placed on probation on January 6, 2015. The CRC Programmatic Profile and Educational Performance report was completed by the fall of 2015. On October 30, 2015, it was determined by the CSRC to continue probation and a mid-year review was required by February 5, 2016.

MMSA submitted their mid-year review as requested on February 11, 2016. However, student academic progress was *not* requested by the CSRC or reported by MMSA. We contend that academic performance of the students should be paramount.

In addition, the number of student's suspended remains high, only the number of days was reduced. The entire 2014-2015 total of students suspended was 154. This mid-year report states 116 students suspended thus far. By the end of this spring semester, the suspensions could surpass 2014-2015.

It is our opinion that the timeframe, October 30, 2015 – February 5, 2016 is not a sufficient time to totally assess the school's progress, or the student's progress, especially in reading and math. This lack of this data to make a reasonable year to year comparison was confirmed by Susan Gramling of the Children's Research Center at the February 11, 2016 CSRC meeting. Therefore, we ask the school status not be changed until the 2015 – 2016 academic testing and Programmatic Profile and Educational Performance Report is completed by the Children's Research Center.

Cordially,



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