

Maasai<sup>Institute</sup>



Ensuring all the children are well

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Rich Tucker  
Tucker Development Corporation  
799 Central Avenue, Ste 300  
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Dear Mr. Tucker:

On behalf of the Board of Directors for Maasai Institute, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the many discussions we have had regarding the JC Penny facility at Granville Station (formally Northridge Shopping Mall). Originally, we discussed the possibility of leasing the property however, as a not-for-profit organization; we felt it would be better to pursue a purchase agreement.

Recently, we encountered a situation surrounding property taxes that has raised some concerns for the City of Milwaukee, therefore Maasai Institute's Board of Directors felt it would be best to terminate all possible negotiations with a lease and/or purchase at this time. I regret that we could not work together in making a home for Maasai Institute's High School.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at (414) 288-1691.

Professionally,

Janis McCollum  
Chief Executive Administrator

Cc: Fred Heichman  
Cc: Stan Shapiro  
Cc: Alderman Robert Puente  
Cc: Finance and Facility Committee