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Mr. Grant T. Langley
City Attorney
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Dear Mr. Langley:

During the past few months the Division of Facilities and Maintenance Services has been working with Mr. Harry Stein of your staff relative to acquiring property at 6914 West Appleton Avenue for the Milwaukee School of Entrepreneurship. The school district has been leasing the property for the past five years and now wishes to acquire the property.

As part of these discussions, we inquired as to the feasibility of a land contract instead of a fee simple purchase. In the past the district has not pursued such arrangements because it was our understanding that this would commit the Board to debt which is not permitted statutorily. In response to our inquiry, Mr. Stein discussed the issue with other members of your staff, and on February 20, 2001 received a memorandum from Mr. Patrick McDonnell which indicated that this option could be pursued, if desired. After considerable deliberation on our part, it is our desire to pursue this option for the Appleton Avenue property.

In order to move this matter forward, we are respectfully requesting that the information contained in the February 20, 2001 memorandum be formalized in an official opinion and that your office work with owner to consummate a land contract for the purchase of the property at 6914 West Appleton Avenue at a cost of \$550,000 payable in ten equal annual payments.

Thank you in advance for your prompt action on this matter. Should you have any questions relative to this matter, please contact Mr. Edward M. McMilin at 283-4733.

Respectfully submitted,

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