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To: Charter School Review Committee

From: Gayle Peay, Institute for the Transformation of Learning

RE: Removal of Geographic Restrictions

MEMO

The CSRC will need to make a decision on whether or not to continue to restrict the City charters to only serving the pupils of the city of Milwaukee. In 2015, Act 55 was passed which deleted all geographic restrictions on where authorizers can locate a school or which pupils can attend these schools.

The restrictions are becoming increasingly more problematic for the city of Milwaukee charter schools who are have applied for or intend on applying for federal or state grants. In order for schools to receive grant funds, the restriction has to be lifted. Additionally, several schools have expressed that they would like for the restrictions to be lifted because of a small percentage of families who want to enroll but live in surrounding suburbs (still Milwaukee county).