

July 11, 2003

To the Honorable
the Common Council
City of Milwaukee
City Hall - Room 205
Milwaukee, WI 53202

Dear Council Members:

Please find enclosed two copies of a resolution relating to approval of a "Cooperation Agreement" (CA) between the City, Milwaukee Public Schools, and RACM. This CA relates to assisting MPS with evaluating and preparing for a financing of MPS's unfunded pension liability with the Wisconsin Retirement System. The required Fiscal Note for this resolution is also appended.

MPS has been exploring the possibility of financing an estimated \$170 unfunded pension liability, and recent legislation and interest rates makes a potential financing through the City and/or RACM a possibility. The City Attorney has determined that a CA between the City, MPS, and RACM is appropriate to establish how the parties shall cooperate to assist MPS with evaluating and preparing for a financing. A copy of the draft CA is appended to the approval resolution. A similar resolution is being forwarded to the Milwaukee Board of School Directors, and RACM for their consideration.

We would request that the attached resolution be introduced at the next available meeting of the Common Council and be referred to the appropriate Committee(s). We would recommend adoption of this resolution.

Your consideration in the introduction of this resolution is appreciated, and if there are any questions, or if we may be of any added assistance, please feel free to contact this office.

Very truly yours,

W. MARTIN MORICS
Comptroller

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