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TO: Mayor Tom Barrett

FROM: Bob Donovan, Alderman, 8th District *RGD*

RE: MPS School Safety Initiative

DATE: December 21, 2006

Cc: Grant Langley, City Attorney

Mayor Barrett,

I have been asked by the City Attorney's office to schedule the MPS School Safety initiative for the January 4th Public Safety Committee meeting.

At this point I am unable to add this item to the agenda. Committee members haven't been given any briefings nor have we been given any write-up or drafts to review. In fact, I've invited you to come before the Committee to explain this proposal and you've turned down the invitation.

I know some Aldermen have some objections to any new proposal due to the fact that when we came forward to advocate for improved safety in MPS, it was with the understanding that their \$1 million would be used to, in part, hire *additional* officers. I have strong reservations about taking officers off street duties to be in schools. Milwaukee is already strapped for police service. We can't take more officers off the streets.

I could go on and on with other concerns I have that are making me reluctant to schedule this matter. Perhaps some of my concerns, and those of other committee members, could be alleviated if we actually saw a copy of this proposal or got a briefing about it before the matter is scheduled.