City of Milwaukee Steering and Rules Committee City Hall 200 East Wells Street Milwaukee, WI 53202

Dear Steering and Rules Committee:

Please accept this letter in support of Escuela Verde receiving their 5-year contract renewal. Escuela Verde is not only a high school, it is a community anchor dedicated to cultivating a more just, sustainable, and peaceful Milwaukee. Their unique model prepares students to become our state's next leaders by focusing on student-led project-based learning, environmental stewardship, restorative justice, and civic engagement.

I became aware of Escuela Verde and their unique program a year after they opened. I distinctly remember listening to an Advisor and student share their insights to this program and was so excited to know that Milwaukee had a true project based school available to urban students.

During the 2019-2020 school year I have the opportunity to become an official member of the staff as a Special Education Advisor and Pupil Service Director. Everyday I am amazed at the incredible positive culture of the school, students, and staff. Throughout my career as an educator I have always worked with students who have struggled in traditional education settings. Escuela Verde provides an authentic education with the proper supports which allows all learners to discover and explore their passions.

I enthusiastically support the continuation of Escuela Verde's mission. I look forward to speaking with you should you have additional questions about this recommendation.

Regards,

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