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ALDERMAN, 3RD DISTRICT



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To: All Alderman

From: Alderman Michael D'Amato, 3<sup>rd</sup> District

Date: October 26, 2006

Re: Amendment for MPS maintenance

Attached please find a memo from MPS reflecting the likely impact of the City reducing their annual traditional borrowing capacity from \$10 million to \$4 million. As you know, for the past several years the City of Milwaukee has borrowed that \$10 million for MPS as part of a longstanding agreement because MPS does not have the authority to borrow those funds on their own. The Mayor has proposed reducing that commitment in 2007 by more than half.

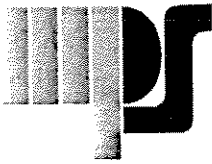
Like most ideas to push back necessary maintenance items this is penny-wise and pound-foolish. Deferring necessary maintenance may look good politically but it costs more in the end and begins to erode the quality of our infrastructure. Remember, increasing future cost on MPS taxpayers is increasing costs on the same taxpayers we represent.

I intend on introducing an amendment to increase the borrowing authority to allow them to make these necessary basic improvements to their facilities. I would welcome each of you to be a co-sponsor. As you can see on the memo, these are not frivolous projects or new construction. Rather, they are meat and potato maintenance items that need to be done. The break down on page two includes a list of projects categorized by Aldermanic district. Delayed projects are expected in 13 of our 15 districts. The addition of \$1 million of borrowing authority equals an addition of approximately \$25,000 on the tax levy.

In the spirit of full disclosure, all 3 of my children attend 3 different MPS schools. None of those schools are scheduled to receive additional maintenance.

Thank you.

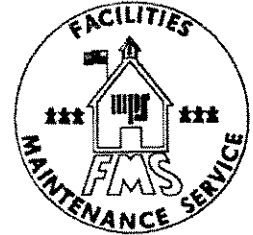




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October 20, 2006

Members of the Common Council  
City of Milwaukee  
City Hall, Room 205  
200 East Wells Street  
Milwaukee, WI 53202-3570

Dear Alderman D'Amato:

I am writing to express my concern about the proposed 2007 reduction in city borrowing for MPS capital maintenance requirements. The proposed city budget contains a 60% reduction from 2005 levels in borrowing for MPS capital maintenance needs. This reduction would cause our capital maintenance program to drop into a state of deferred maintenance until 2016, assuming city funding remained stable.

These projects would be rescheduled beginning in 2012. As I am sure you are well aware, it is generally a better fiscal practice to provide timely maintenance to buildings than to allow them to deteriorate to a point where they would require costly and extensive repairs.

MPS already intended to reduce its request for city borrowing beginning in 2007. The schedule below shows the district's planned requests:

2007 - \$8.0 million	2010 - \$6.0 million	2013 - \$2.1 million	2016 - \$0 million
2008 - \$6.3 million	2011 - \$5.0 million	2014 - \$1.8 million	
2009 - \$7.4 million	2012 - \$2.4 million	2015 - \$0.9 million	

The projects we have elected to defer, if the current budget proposal is approved, will have the least impact on the on the integrity of the buildings, but they will have a great affect on the public's perception of our facilities. Please find attached, per aldermanic request, a list of projects that would be deferred under the proposed budget. MPS will continue to maintain the most critical infrastructure components, such as roofs, masonry, HVAC, etc. The district also continues to levy for its Construction Fund at the statutory maximum of 0.6 mills.

I would like to thank all of you for your past and continued support of our capital program. Without the city's assistance, MPS buildings would not be in the good condition they are in today. I ask for your consideration during your budget deliberations for anything you may be able to do to keep this city's public schools from slipping into deferred maintenance.

Sincerely,

Richard W. Moore, P.E.  
Director of Facilities and Maintenance Services

RWM:som

Attachment

cc: W. Andrekopoulos; M. Nate; M. Nicolini

MPS - DEFERRED PROJECTS RESULTING FROM CITY FUNDING REDUCTION

Planned Replacement Year	Aldermanic District	Alderman	Site No.	School Name	Component	Anticipated Replacement Cost	Surplus / (Deficit)	Cummulative Surplus / (Deficit)
2007	11	Dudzik	041	AUDUBON MIDDLE SCHOOL	EXTERIOR DOORS	(220,000)		
2007	6	McGee	077	AUER AVENUE SCHOOL	EXTERIOR DOORS	(176,000)		
2007	6	McGee	235	KEEFE AVENUE	EXTERIOR DOORS	(160,000)		
2007	3	D'Amato	104	CASS STREET SCHOOL	PARKING LOT-ASPHALT	(73,000)		
2007	9	Puente	360	THOREAU SCHOOL	PARKING LOT-ASPHALT	(102,000)		
2007	14	Zielinski	368	TROWBRIDGE SCHOOL	PARKING LOT-ASPHALT	(159,000)		
2007	4	Bauman	401	WISCONSIN AVENUE SCHOOL	PARKING LOT-CONCRETE	(253,000)		
2007	5	Bohl	052	MORSE MIDDLE SCHOOL	PARKING LOT-CONCRETE	(208,000)		
2007	11	Dudzik	122	CURTIN SCHOOL	PARKING LOT-CONCRETE	(155,000)		
2007	13	Wikowski	250	LINCOLN AVENUE SCHOOL	WINDOW ASSEMBLIES	(555,000)		
2007	3	D'Amato	268	MARYLAND AVENUE SCHOOL	WINDOW ASSEMBLIES	(516,000)		
2007	10	Murphy	283	NEESKARA SCHOOL	WINDOW ASSEMBLIES	(708,000)		
2007	7	Wade	365	TOWNSEND SCHOOL	WINDOW ASSEMBLIES	(715,000)		
2007 Total						(4,000,000)	(4,000,000)	(4,000,000)
2008	11	Dudzik	044	BELL MIDDLE SCHOOL	PARKING LOT-CONCRETE	(98,000)		
2008	1	Hamilton	101	CARLETON SCHOOL	DOORS-EXTERIOR	(110,000)		
2008	8	Donovan	125	DOERFLER SCHOOL	DOORS-EXTERIOR	(138,000)		
2008	13	Wikowski	257	LOWELL SCHOOL	DOORS-EXTERIOR	(124,000)		
2008	7	Wade	365	TOWNSEND SCHOOL	DOORS-EXTERIOR	(110,000)		
2008	7	Wade	365	TOWNSEND SCHOOL	DOORS-EXTERIOR	(447,000)		
2008	7	Wade	035	WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL	DOORS-EXTERIOR	(357,000)		
2008	8	Donovan	125	WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL	WINDOW ASSEMBLIES	(357,000)		
2008	13	Wikowski	257	DOERFLER SCHOOL	WINDOW ASSEMBLIES	(116,000)		
2008	7	Wade	035	WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL	WINDOW ASSEMBLIES	(800,000)		
2008 Total						(2,300,000)	(2,300,000)	(6,300,000)
2009	1	Hamilton	047	EDISON MIDDLE SCHOOL	DOORS-EXTERIOR	(177,000)		
2009	8	Donovan	202	GREENFIELD SCHOOL	DOORS-EXTERIOR	(83,000)		
2009	14	Zielinski	223	HUMBOLDT PARK SCHOOL	DOORS-EXTERIOR	(76,000)		
2009	3	D'Amato	307	PIERCE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	DOORS-EXTERIOR	(99,000)		
2009	7	Wade	350	THIRTY-FIFTH STREET SCHOOL	DOORS-EXTERIOR	(94,000)		
2009	10	Murphy	211	HAWLEY SCHOOL	DOORS-EXTERIOR	(25,000)		
2009	1	Hamilton	047	EDISON MIDDLE SCHOOL	PARKING LOT-ASPHALT	(818,000)		
2009	14	Zielinski	158	FERNWOOD SCHOOL	WINDOW ASSEMBLIES	(690,000)		
2009	8	Donovan	265	MANITOBA SCHOOL	WINDOW ASSEMBLIES	(591,000)		
2009	13	Wikowski	277	MORGANDALE SCHOOL	WINDOW ASSEMBLIES	(757,000)		
2009 Total						(3,400,000)	(3,400,000)	(9,700,000)
2010	3	D'Amato	104	CASS STREET SCHOOL	DOORS-EXTERIOR	(101,000)		
2010	6	McGee	199	GREEN BAY SCHOOL	DOORS-EXTERIOR	(118,000)		
2010	2	Davis	241	LANCASTER SCHOOL	DOORS-EXTERIOR	(135,000)		
2010	8	Donovan	265	MANITOBA SCHOOL	DOORS-EXTERIOR	(148,000)		
2010	1	Hamilton	380	MCAINR SCHOOL	DOORS-EXTERIOR	(72,000)		
2010	6	McGee	059	ROOSEVELT MIDDLE SCHOOL	DOORS-EXTERIOR	(87,000)		
2010	5	Bohl	146	GERMAN IMMERSION SCHOOL	PARKING LOT-CONCRETE	(128,000)		
2010	2	Davis	241	LANCASTER SCHOOL	PARKING LOT-CONCRETE	(570,000)		
2010	1	Hamilton	380	MC NAIR ACADEMY	WINDOW ASSEMBLIES	(641,000)		
2010 Total						(2,000,000)	(2,000,000)	(11,700,000)
2011	8	Donovan	065	WALKER MIDDLE SCHOOL	WINDOW ASSEMBLIES	(1,000,000)		
2011 Total						(1,000,000)	(1,000,000)	(12,700,000)
<b>TOTAL</b>						<b>(12,700,000)</b>	<b>(12,700,000)</b>	<b>(12,700,000)</b>