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To the Honorable Common Council
Of the City of Milwaukee
Room 205 – City Hall

RE: Communications from Attorney Arielle Aikens on behalf of
The Aemilian Preschool
C.I. File No. 1048-2023-512

Dear Sir or Madam:

Attorney Aikens alleges on behalf of The Aemilian Preschool that the City of Milwaukee is responsible for flooding damages that occurred at the school sometime after the Milwaukee Water Works exchanged the water meter on November 14, 2022.

Our investigation into this matter revealed that MWW exchanged the water meter at 5300 North 118th Ct on November 14, 2022. Field staff installed a new Badger meter with no reported issues. On December 26, 2022, claimant reported a leak at the meter and MWW field staff returned to the property where they found a crack/failure along the bottom of the meter. This type of crack/failure is an indication that the meter froze and burst. As the temperature rises, the frozen meter thaws and the water releases through the crack.

It is the view of Milwaukee Water Works that the water meter froze and burst in this case, causing the flooding damage. There is no evidence that the water meter was not installed according to proper procedures. As such, the City is not liable in this case, and we recommend that this claim for \$21,745.00 be denied.

Very truly yours,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer L. Williams".

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Enclosures

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