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Dr. Darienne B. Driver Superintendent Milwaukee Public Schools 5225 W Vliet Street Milwaukee, WI 53208

Dear Dr. Driver:

We are sending you this letter in response to your request for a certificate of insurance for activities of the Milwaukee Fire Department in fulfilling its obligations under the Memorandum of Understanding between the fire department and Milwaukee Public Schools for the proposed apprenticeship/training program.

The City of Milwaukee does not maintain a policy of insurance covering its employees or its motor vehicles. Instead, the City self-insures its employees and its vehicles against liability. Wis. Stat. § 893.80 and 895.46, impose upon the City the obligation to pay any judgments entered against the City, its officers or employees. Liability for damages arising out of tort actions are limited to \$50,000, Wis. Stat. § 893.80(3), except if the damage arose out of the negligent use of a motor vehicle, then the damages are limited to \$250,000. Wis. Stat. § 345.05(3). "Liability" includes damage to property as well as personal injury. The City would be liable for any property damage under the rental contract or lease. The \$50,000 limit does not apply to contract claims, such as a claim made under a rental agreement or lease. In order to meet this obligation, the City maintains a damages and claims fund and a contingent fund to pay claims and judgments. For 2017, the damages and claims fund is funded at \$1,225,000 and the contingent fund is funded at \$5,000,000. In the event the City fails to pay a judgment, the judgment amount may be collected along with next year's tax levy and paid to the judgment holder. See, Wis. Stat. § 66.0117.

EXHIBIT A

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Based upon the above, we believe that the City of Milwaukee has sufficient financial wherewithal to pay any claim, loss or damage that may be awarded against it.

Very/trul/y yours,

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