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Dear City of Milwaukee Common Council, Steering and Rules Committee,

This is a letter of support is for the contract renewal of the Milwaukee Academy of Science (MAS)

My daughter has attended MAS since K5, after the unexpected closing of her first school, Urban Day. Not knowing what to expect and not having much of a choice due to late notice of the closure, I enrolled her into MAS. To this day, I believe it was the best decision I could have made. As a registered nurse, I understand how important education is. Therefore, I've commit a lot of time and energy to my daughter's education. After a year of her attending MAS, I was more involved with the school and became a Parent Ambassador and then a Parent Representative on the Board of Directors thereafter.

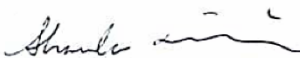
As a Parent Representative on the Board of Directors of the Milwaukee Academy or Science, I have seen the growth trends of enrollment over the years. Their growth is possible thanks to strong leadership, the school's excellent student and staff retention efforts, and a good reputation in the community that has paved the way for enrollment growth year after year.

As a parent in Milwaukee, I know how hard it is to find a good elementary school for my child. It is even harder to find a good middle school and almost impossible to find a good high school that doesn't have a long waiting list or is tuition-based. The staff at MAS are amazing and really care about our children's education, physical, and mental well-being. The resources, supports, opportunities, and programs provided are great, and will only continue to get bigger and better over time. That is why MAS is so special to me. As a K4-12th grade school and with the City of Milwaukee's continued support, my daughter, who is currently in 5th grade, can stay here for her entire education.

It was a difficult situation to accept when my daughter's last school closed. Amongst the pandemic, this school is something our children need. To me, this school is personal and critical. I know I speak for many other parents in the City of Milwaukee who want an excellent education for their children.

I am in full support of the Milwaukee Academy of Science, and thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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