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City Clerk  
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City Hall, Room 205  
200 E. Wells St.  
Milwaukee, WI 53202

RE: Application for Charter School Status of Darrell L.  
Hines College Preparatory Academy of Excellence

Dear Mr. Leonhardt:

At its meeting of December 3, 2001, the Charter School Review Committee voted on the charter school application of the Darrell L. Hines College Preparatory Academy of Excellence. Pursuant to Section 330-15 of the Code of Ordinances, the Committee found that the application complied with the technical requirements of Sections 330-5 and 330-7, that the school will operate an education program that has a reasonable prospect of providing Milwaukee children a good education, and that the school possesses an appropriate governance structure, sound system of management, acceptable budget and budget process, and qualified body of administrators, teachers and staff. Accordingly, under Section 330-17, the Committee voted (5-0) to recommend to the Common Council that the charter school application be granted.

On behalf of the Committee, pursuant to Section 330-17-1-a, I am transmitting to you the Committee's report, findings, and recommendations on this application. As we discussed, I will transmit the text of the application, and other related materials, within a few days.

On the Committee's behalf, pursuant to Section 330-17-1-a, I am also requesting that you prepare and introduce a Council motion, as provided in Section 330-23, that approves the application of the Darrell L. Hines College Preparatory Academy of Excellence for charter school status. As specified in Section 330-23, the motion should (a) express the Common Council's approval of the Committee's recommendation to grant charter school status to the applicant, (b) express the Common Council's approval of the proposed contract submitted by the City Attorney and attached to the Common Council file, and (c) authorize and direct the appropriate City officials to executive the proposed contract.

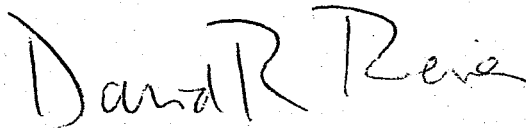
I have, on the Committee's behalf, separately transmitted a copy of the application and related reports, findings, recommendations and information to the City Attorney, and asked the City Attorney, under Section 330-21, to prepare a proposed contract.

The Committee requests that the motion approving the recommendation be prepared during the next few days and introduced (according to the Council's rules) prior to the next scheduled meeting of the Council, so that the motion can be considered during the next (December 2001-January 2002) cycle of the Council. The Committee requests that the motion--together with the proposed contract--be acted on by the Committee on Steering and Rules on January 10, 2002, and voted on by the full Council on January 22, 2002. As you know, it is necessary for the Council to act on the application in January so that, if the application is approved, the City can notify the Superintendent of Public Instruction prior to the February 1, 2002, deadline established by Section 118.40(1) of the Wisconsin Statutes.

Please let me know if I can provide you with any additional information.

On the Committee's behalf, I want to thank you for all the past work that you and the City Clerk's office have done in implementing the City's charter school program. I also want to thank you for your continuing help, both in general and in moving through the legislative process the specific motion that is the subject of this letter.

Sincerely,



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Director of Administration

cc. Howard Fuller, Chair, Charter School Review Committee  
Mary Diez, Vice Chair, Charter School Review Committee  
Anita Paretti, Accounts Director