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Mayor, City of Milwaukee

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Dear Mr. Lang:

Per our earlier telephone conversation, I am requesting your assistance in answering the following questions:

[1] What would be the impact on the Milwaukee property tax levy if the 14,500 students currently enrolled in the Milwaukee Parental Choice Program [MPCP] were enrolled in the Milwaukee Public School System [MPS]?

[2] What would be the impact on the state's general school aid funds if the 14,500 students currently enrolled in the MPCP program were enrolled in MPS?

[3] For the 2005-2006 school year, what is the Milwaukee property tax levy for each MPS student?

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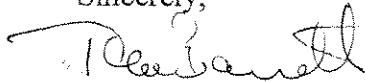
How much more or less do Milwaukee property tax payers pay for a student enrolled in MPCP vis-à-vis each student enrolled in MPS?

I do believe that the Milwaukee Parental Choice Program [MPCP] provides many Milwaukee families access to K-12 educational opportunities that would not be available if not for the MPCP. In fairness to the participating schools and families, the MPCP enrollment cap does need to be increased.

At the same time, I believe that tax payers should be aware of the implications financing MPCP has on state school aids as well as on the Milwaukee property tax levy.

Thank you for your assistance. I look forward to you hearing from you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Tom Barrett".

Tom Barrett
Mayor