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Electronically signed by Honorable David Borowski Circuit Court Judge

STATE OF WISCONSIN COUNTY

CIRCUIT COURT

MILWAUKEE

CHARLENE ABUGHRIN,

Plaintiff-Petitioner,

v.

MILWAUKEE BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS,

Case No. 24-CV-8072

and

CITY OF MILWAUKEE,

Defendants-Respondents.

WRIT OF MANDAMUS

TO EACH OF THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS-RESPONDENTS:

The Plaintiff-Petitioner Charlene Abughrin, has filed an Application for an Alternative Writ of Mandamus commanding either compliance with Wis. Stat. § 62.90(8), or to show cause why compliance is not possible. Wis. Stat. § 62.90(8) provides in relevant part:

Beginning January 1, 2024, the school board of the 1st class city school district that is located in the 1st class city shall ensure that not fewer

than 25 school resource officers are present at schools within the school district beginning during normal school hours and that school resource officers are available during before-school and after-school care, extracurricular activities, and sporting events as needed ... The 1st class city school district and the 1st class city shall agree to an apportionment of the costs of meeting the requirements of this subsection.

The Court held a hearing on January 23, 2025, and at that hearing ordered that the City of Milwaukee be impleaded as a Defendant-Respondent herein and issued an Alternative Writ of Mandamus (Dkt. 18) on January 27, 2025, ordering compliance with Wis. Stat. § 62.90(8), or in the alternative, to show cause before this Court on February 17, 2025, at 3:00 P.M., why it has not done so.

A hearing was held on February 17, 2025, with appearances by counsel for Plaintiff-Petitioner Charlene Abughrin, and Defendants-Respondents Milwaukee Board of School Directors and City of Milwaukee.

During that hearing the Court determined that the Defendants-Respondents have not complied with Wis. Stat. § 62.90(8) and that the Alternative Writ of Mandamus was not complied with. The Court further determined that the Defendants-Respondents did not provide good cause for their failure to comply with the law.

THEREFORE, based upon the record before the Court, the arguments of counsel, and for the reasons stated on the record by the Court, and so that speedy justice may be done on Plaintiff-Petitioner's behalf, the Court hereby issues this Peremptory Writ of Mandamus to the Defendants-Respondents.

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to take all steps necessary to ensure compliance with Wis. Stat. § 62.90(8) no later than February 27, 2025, including specifically to ensure by February 27, 2025 that "not fewer than 25 school resource officers are present at schools within the school district during normal school hours and that school resource officers are available during before-school and after-school care, extracurricular activities, and sporting events as needed"; and

YOU ARE FURTHER COMMANDED to evenly split between the Milwaukee Board of School Directors and the City of Milwaukee all costs of meeting the requirements with Wis. Stat. § 62.90(8); and

YOU ARE FUTHER COMMANDED that if you fail to comply with this Writ, you shall appear for a hearing at the Milwaukee County Courthouse, Room 206, on February 27, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. for a hearing regarding contempt. The Milwaukee Board of School Directors shall have present at that hearing either Board President Marva Herndon or Board Vice President Jilly Gokalgandhi. The City of Milwaukee shall have present at that hearing either the Mayor of Milwaukee, Cavalier Johnson, or a designee of the Mayor.

SO ORDERED.