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MEDIA ADVISORY

MPS Board & Superintendent Asked To Discuss School Security At Feb. 1 Public Safety Committee Meeting

With safety and security at Milwaukee Public Schools a key topic of discussion both in Milwaukee homes and among public officials of late, Ald. Bob Donovan today asked MPS Superintendent William Andrekopoulos and members of the MPS Board of School Directors to participate in a special Public Safety Committee meeting at City Hall at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 1.

Citing the recent melee at Bradley Tech High School and Milwaukee Police Department records showing more than 11,000 calls for service originating at MPS schools during the 2005-2006 school year, Ald. Donovan said "it's time to bring concerned parties together in one place to discuss needs and possible solutions in a public forum." "Our citizens are saying they want to hear candid discussions about what's going on – they are saying they're tired of hearing prepared statements in the news and very few ideas about where we should go from here to curb the violence and disorder in our schools," he said.

A copy of a letter sent to the superintendent and the school board members is attached.

WHAT: Public Safety Committee meeting
WHEN: 1:30 p.m. Thursday, February 1
WHERE: Room 301-B at City Hall, 200 E. Wells St.