

Date: March 17, 2016
To: Steering and Rules Committee
From: Schools and Communities United
Re: **Questions & Issues**

Item 1. Charter School Review Committee
(File #150804)

- A. Contract with the Institute for the Transformation of Learning (ITL)** – The Charter School Review Committee (CSRC) has awarded a contract to ITL, agreeing to the contract fee proposed by ITL, which will cost taxpayers \$211,000 per year through 2017-18. When will the budget for the contract be made available to the public?

Item 2. Milwaukee Collegiate Academy (MCA)
(File # 151622)

- A.** At the last Steering and Rules Committee meeting, it was acknowledged that the recent “success” of MCA is associated with the extraordinary expulsion rates prior to this year. Is a new 5-year contract appropriate?

Item 3. Milwaukee Math & Science Academy (MMSA)
(File #151658)

- A.** The testing for this school year will not be completed until May or the results received by the CSRC until June. Therefore, it is now too soon to award MMSA a 5-year contract.

*** * * * North Point Lighthouse Charter School**
(File #150543)

We recognize that this is not an agenda item, but it is a major concern.

- A.** City Ordinance Chap. 330 deals with charter school closure initiated by the City but not closure initiated by the school. How are the City and CSRC addressing the issue of premature closure by a charter school?
- B.** What is the responsibility of the CSRC to assist students and their parents after a premature shutdown?
- C.** Is the CSRC prepared to deal with Lighthouse closing down before June?