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Superintendent Keith Posley  
Milwaukee Public Schools  
5225 W Vliet Street  
Milwaukee, WI 53208

Dear Superintendent Posley,

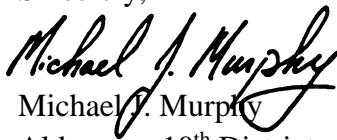
Thank you for taking the time recently to speak about the Camp RISE Earn and Lean program. As you're aware, significantly more youth applied to participate in the Camp RISE program this year than Employ Milwaukee will be able to accommodate given funding and capacity challenges. In 2023, there were 891 applications submitted and, currently, only enough funding for 200 youth to participate in the program. For your reference, I have attached a demographic breakdown of the 2023 applicants.

Employ Milwaukee CEO Chytania Brown communicated to my office that her staff has the capacity to enroll an additional 50 youth for the 2023 summer program. As the cost per youth is approximately \$4,188, Employ Milwaukee is seeking an additional \$209,400 to bridge this gap.

Last year, Milwaukee Public Schools (MPS) committed \$200,000 to this program. I am requesting the same level of commitment this year to help fund the additional 50 youth. I believe it is imperative we work collaboratively to ensure as many students as possible are given the opportunity to participate in this important program.

Please let me know as soon as possible if MPS is able to accommodate this request.

Sincerely,

  
Michael J. Murphy  
Alderman, 10<sup>th</sup> District

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cc: Chytania Brown  
Mayor Cavalier Johnson  
President Jose Perez  
Finance and Personnel Committee Members