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March 21, 2016

Alderman James Bohl
Chairman, Zoning, Neighborhoods & Development Committee
City Hall
200 East Wells Street
Milwaukee, WI 53202

Dear Chairman Bohl:

Milwaukee Public Schools was recently notified that the Zoning, Neighborhoods & Development Committee will be meeting on March 22, 2016. As the Committee examines the issues and information before it at this meeting, the district urges you to pause and consider the consequences of moving too quickly with the sale of MPS schools. The district, like the Common Council, shares concerns about the lack of community input and lack of due process inherent in this new law, and therefore suggests a more thoughtful approach to implementing a law that has neither precedent nor equivalent in the country to guide us. The district questions the soundness of permitting an outside entity to determine what is in the best interest of this community, and to also determine the process, criteria and eligible buyers for the sale and distribution of city assets.

Our district understands that the Committee's specific task will be consideration of a list of individuals and entities who submitted letters of interest for certain eligible school buildings. For the committee's reference, I want to share the letters of interest submitted to the City Clerk on October 9, 2015 and January 12, 2016. Please note that those letters were submitted in accordance with Wisconsin Stat. § 119.61(3)(a), in my capacity as superintendent of schools for Milwaukee Public Schools.

I look forward to future conversations and the city and the district's continued partnership.

Best,

Darienne B. Driver, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

cc: Alderman Jose G. Perez, Vice-Chair
Alderman Robert Bauman
Alderman Nik Kovac
Alderman Russell Stamper, II
Members of the Common Council
City Clerk Jim Owczarski
Milwaukee Board of School Directors
Jacqueline Mann, Board Clerk/Director, MPS Office of Board Governance
Gina Spang, Chief of Staff, Milwaukee Public Schools

Attachments



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October 9, 2015

Jim Owczarski
City Clerk
City Hall
200 E. Wells Street
Room 205
Milwaukee, WI 53202

Re: *Letter of Interest for Eligible School Buildings*

Dear Mr. Owczarski:

In accordance with § 119.61(3)(a), Wis. Stats., and in my capacity as Superintendent of Schools for Milwaukee Public Schools, I hereby submit this letter of interest to the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee. This letter of interest is submitted regarding all school buildings determined to be “eligible school buildings”, as defined by § 119.61(1)(b), Wis. Stats.

Sincerely,

Darienne B. Driver, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

Cc: Gina Spang, Chief of Staff, Milwaukee Public Schools

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January 12, 2016

Jim Owczarski
City Clerk
City Hall
200 E. Wells Street, Room 205
Milwaukee, WI 53202

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Re: *Letter of Interest for Eligible School Buildings*

Dear Mr. Owczarski:

On October 9, 2015, I submitted a general Letter of Interest for all eligible school buildings. In accordance with §119.61(3)(a), Wis. Stat., and in my capacity of Superintendent of Schools, for Milwaukee Public Schools, I am re-stating the interest in all buildings that may be deemed eligible. To the extent that the statute may require that I submit a letter of interest for specific eligible school buildings, I hereby submit this letter of interest to the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee for the following school buildings:

Assata (3517 W. Courtland) – occupied building
88th Street (3575 S. 88th Street) – part of active expansion plan. Scheduled to open July 2016.
Happy Hill (7171 West Brown Deer Road) – part of active expansion plan
Hayes (2431 S. 10th Street) – part of active expansion plan
Lee (921 W. Meinecke Avenue) – occupied; part of active program expansion
Malcolm-X (2760 N. 1st Street) – part of active expansion plan. Scheduled to open July 2016.
Philipp (4310 N. 16th Street) – part of active expansion plan
Fletcher (9520 W. Allyn Street) – part of active expansion plan
Dover (619 E. Dover Street) – part of active City of Milwaukee development plan
Garfield (2215 N. Fourth Street) – part of active City of Milwaukee development plan
Wisconsin Avenue (2708 W. Wisconsin Avenue) – part of active expansion plan

Best,

Darienne B. Driver, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

C: Gina M. Spang, MPS Chief of Staff

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