

Riverside University High School

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Alderman Robert Bauman,

My name is Cathy Paprocki and I am the Physical Education Department Chair at Riverside University High School in the Milwaukee Public School System. I have been at Riverside for 6 years now, and working for MPS since 2000. I have had the privilege to teach basic golf skills to Milwaukee high school students for 10 years now.

I am honored to write this letter on behalf of Mr. Robert Byrd and Bridging the Gap, a Milwaukee based organization to inspire youth to not only have exposure to the sport of golf, but also the hospitality and business world. Mr. Byrd has been volunteering his time for at least 6 years now by coming to Riverside to help with the instruction of golf skills to many urban youth, many of whom have never before played golf (or even held a club for that matter). He has acted as a mentor to several students in my class to become interested in the sport of golf, and through his organization has been able to give students opportunities to play golf, network and learn business and hospitality skills, and even help some students get scholarships!

Mr. Byrd is one of the most humble men I have had the honor and privilege of knowing. He cares so much about the youth and city of Milwaukee, and he inspires me to continue to teach students about golf. He wants nothing more than to give back to the community and I truly believe that we could use a lot more people like him and the Bridging the Gap organization. It is a tremendous asset to our city, especially our underprivileged youth. He makes me proud of our city and community.

If you have any questions or wish for further information, please do not hesitate to call me on my cell phone at (414-550-4995) or email me at walkerc2@milwaukee.k12.wi.us.

Sincerely,

Cathy Paprocki