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Ald. Tony Zielinski
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MEDIA ADVISORY

Press Conference to Rally Opposition to Mayoral Control of MPS

*Ald. Tony Zielinski, Other Elected Officials and Local Labor Leaders
Speak Out Against Proposal*

Ald. Tony Zielinski will host a news conference **Monday, August 24, 2009 in the City Hall rotunda at 1:00 p.m.** to discuss Governor Doyle and Mayor Barrett's suggestion that the mayor should appoint the next Milwaukee Public Schools superintendent.

"It's anti-democratic to take away the authority of an elected body," said Ald. Zielinski. "I will urge the Common Council to oppose such a measure and suggest that the school board should retain its power as a body chosen by the people."

Ald. Zielinski will be joined by **MPS Board of Directors President Michael Bonds** and Peter Blewett, Vice President of the MPS Board of Directors. Bonds will be hosting a community informational meeting tonight including speakers State Representative Annette "Polly" Williams, Michael Rosen, Milwaukee Area Technical College, Terrence Falk, MPS Board of Directors, Father Tom Miller of MICA and Wendell Harris of the NAACP.

Many of the community meeting's speakers will join State Representative Christine Sinicki, Sheila Cochran of the Milwaukee Area Labor Council, Lyle Balistreri, President of the Building and Construction Trades Council, Bryan Kennedy, president of the American Federation of Teachers-Wisconsin and Robert Kraig of Citizen Action of Wisconsin during the City Hall news conference. Speakers will discuss the troubles with an MPS takeover and the press is invited to attend.

WHAT: MPS Control News Conference
WHEN: Monday, 1:00 p.m. August 24, 2009
WHERE: 200 E. Wells St., City Hall rotunda