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MEDIA ADVISORY

Community to Discuss New Neighborhood School

Alderman Jim Bohl and Alderman Michael Murphy will join Milwaukee Public Schools administrators on **Thursday, February 2, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Milwaukee School of Languages** to discuss a new neighborhood school proposal.

The intent is to focus on neighborhood support for walk-to-school enrollment, with priority enrollment for children in neighborhoods near the soon to be closed 68th Street School and the 81st Street School, at the campus site of the latter school. Neighborhood groups from the nearby areas of Cooper Park, Enderis Park, Kops Park and Lenox Heights have been leading a grassroots push toward creating a neighborhood MPS school for the surrounding area. One plan to be discussed is a proposal for a local school that would be similar to the former 68th Street School programmatically, creating an emphasis on the arts, Spanish foreign language instruction, community involvement and a strong network of communication between parents, teachers and students.

The proposal will be discussed at an upcoming MPS Board ISP Committee meeting on February 14, followed by a final vote on the project by the MPS School Board on February 24, 2012.

Residents and neighbors are invited to attend Thursday's forum.

What: Public Meeting

When: 6:30 p.m. -8:30 p.m. Thursday, February 2

Where: Milwaukee School of Languages, 8400 W. Burleigh St.