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## Extra \$1 Million Sought By MPS Could Bring 15 Full-Time MPD Officers

*News Conference Set for Tomorrow Afternoon*

A plan to spend an additional \$1 million on more security staffing for Milwaukee Public Schools could instead be used to hire 15 full-time sworn police officers who could be assigned specifically to the schools, Ald. Bob Donovan said today.

Ald. Donovan, who last week wrote a letter to Milwaukee Public Schools Superintendent William Andrekopoulos taking issue with the superintendent's plan to spend the additional \$1 million on more school security staffing, said he's received an outpouring of support for his position that the money could be better spent on hiring additional police officers.

**In fact, the alderman will be joined by several Common Council colleagues, state legislators and officials from the Milwaukee Police Association (MPA) during a news conference tomorrow (Wednesday, November 1, 2006) at 1:30 p.m. at the MPA's headquarters, 6310 W. Blue Mound Rd. Media coverage is encouraged.**

"The hiring of an additional 15 Milwaukee police officers would be the right move to make, instead of adding more MPS security aides who are on vacation during the summer and who have no real authority and no arrest powers," said Ald. Donovan, chair of the Common Council's Public Safety Committee.

"Hiring additional officers who can help patrol our streets during the high-crime summer months just makes common sense and is a far better use of precious Milwaukee taxpayer dollars," he said.

**WHAT: News Conference**  
**WHEN: 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, November 1**  
**WHERE: 6310 W. Blue Mound Rd.**