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## MEDIA ADVISORY

### **Alderman Donovan Asks for Governor's Assistance to Bring Changes to MPS, Bradley Tech**

**Ald. Bob Donovan** has asked **Governor Jim Doyle** to help bring about changes at Milwaukee Public Schools, even going so far as to request withholding stimulus money for MPS until major changes are made.

In a letter (**please see attached**) to Governor Doyle issued today, Ald. Donovan said the worsening situation at Bradley Tech High School has made the school "the poster child for what's wrong with MPS." Last week the alderman urged that Bradley Tech be closed at the end of this school year and reopened with a new curriculum. He suggested a return to true hands-on technical training and coursework, and requiring prospective students to take an entrance exam

"I have received dozens of positive and encouraging phone calls and emails since publicly calling last week for the closing and reopening of Bradley Tech. Strangers have walked up to me and thanked me, many of them proud Tech alums who want the school restored to its proper status as a top technical and trade school. In the end most of them also told me they want this to happen not for themselves, but for the children of Milwaukee who will benefit from a "new" Bradley Tech," Ald. Donovan states in his letter to the governor.

"The bottom line is that students are not excelling and achieving at a time when we desperately need to be giving them a first rate education that will provide our city and state with a bright, well-educated workforce," he states in the letter to Governor Doyle.

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