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Statement of Ald. Bob Donovan April 21, 2009

It's been almost two weeks since we learned a consultant's review of the non-instructional bureaucracy of Milwaukee Public Schools found that as much as \$103 million in waste could be saved if changes were made to the system, yet we haven't heard as much as a peep from the mayor since he released the report amid promises to act quickly and to appoint an advisory committee "within weeks" to recommend major changes at MPS.

I believe the mayor (and governor) must have been advised a month or two ago on the dire direction the report was heading in, yet there's *still* no advisory committee in place. Important decisions on the MPS budget are coming due, and key input is needed on vital stimulus funding that could be coming to our schools, yet the much talked about Milwaukee advisory panel is nowhere to be found. Seems to me it would be nice for someone to be looking hard at eliminating the millions in waste and inefficiency so we could use that money to fix our streets, hire more cops, or somehow provide relief to city taxpayers. In my opinion failing to act quickly and allowing the money to flow back into the MPS non-instructional bureaucracy would be unforgivable.

So, my simple question to the mayor is, "Where's the urgency?!"

The citizens of Milwaukee should be demanding that the mayor start making change happen at MPS during this critical time period (and during our lifetime).

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