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MPS Mayoral Control Proposal Fodder for Public Forum Tonight

This evening **Alderman Tony Zielinski**, **MPS Board member Terry Falk**, and **state Representative Chris Sinicki** are holding a public forum on the proposal to dissolve the elected MPS board and replace it with mayoral control.

The meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. at the **Beulah Brinton Community Center, 2555 S. Bay St. (Bay and Russell)**.

The mayoral control proposal has been controversial. Congresswoman Gwen Moore and several Milwaukee area state legislators are opposed to the legislation which requires a change in state law. Community organizations and labor unions have also opposed the idea, charging that it lacks an education plan.

Terry Falk, a former MPS teacher who represents Bay View on the MPS board, said: “We are holding this meeting to provide the citizens we were elected to represent an opportunity to tell us what they think needs to be done to improve the city’s public schools.”

Former school board member and 20th Assembly District Rep. Chris Sinicki said: “We are committed to improving student achievement. The literature is clear that academic success is based on parental involvement and community support. So we will be listening to what Bay View residents have to say.”

Alderman Zielinski, who has been on the forefront of opposition to the proposal, said: “We are holding this meeting to hear if the parents who send their children to MPS and the taxpayers who support it think dissolving their elected school board and letting city hall run the schools is a good idea.”