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Pres. Hines to Keynote Opening Ceremony of Milwaukee College Prep, Lindsay Heights Campus

In a matter of weeks, the City of Milwaukee Common Council and the Charter School Review Board managed to close a low-performing school and attract one of the highest-performing schools in the state, Milwaukee College Preparatory School (MCP), to that same location in the Lindsay Heights neighborhood.

“The rapid turn of events has been breathtaking, in some respects,” said Common Council President Hines, who represents the neighborhood around 15th St. and Center St., where Academy of Leadership and Learning (ALL) was closed MCP was brought in. “It’s always a gut-wrenching scenario when a school has to be closed, but the fact that MCP is now in that building – with a proven track record of academic excellence and preparing kids for college – is well worth any hurdles that had to be overcome.”

When ALL was closed, more than 400 four- to fourteen-year-old children were left without a school. For the first day of class, enrollment at MCP’s Lindsay Heights Campus was 425, surpassing everyone’s expectations.

“For a few years, we had been looking for the right opportunity to expand, so we could reach more potential students and families with the high-level educational experience that Milwaukee College Prep offers,” said Principal Robert Rauh. “We are thrilled to be in the Lindsay Heights neighborhood, and we look forward to the synergies that will be created with partners like Walnut Way Conservation Corp., Johnson Park Neighborhood Association, The Center for Resilient Cities and many other community partners.”

“What we’ve essentially done is add a thriving school to a thriving neighborhood,” added President Hines. “This is a major piece to the puzzle as Lindsay Heights continues to evolve into a truly great place to live, work and raise a family.”

President Hines will be the keynote speaker for an opening ceremony at Milwaukee College Prep in Lindsay Heights TOMORROW at 8:30 a.m. Community leaders and media are invited to attend. The school is located at 1530 W. Center St.