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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

### **City officials to announce winning entries in MKE Peace Project**

Potential solutions to reducing violence in Milwaukee are on the table – thanks to more than 180 students who were involved in providing submissions to the **MKE Peace Project**. In all, 12 teams of Milwaukee young people will receive prize packages and recognition for their winning **MKE Peace Project** submissions in a City Hall news conference on Tuesday, **Common Council President Michael J. Murphy** said.

Launched on May 5, the MKE Peace Project charged local youth with a three-point project—to identify a cause of violence in their neighborhood or school, to propose a solution to the problem and to discuss its potential impact. More than 70 teams—more than 180 students—submitted entries to the contest, and they were reviewed by the Milwaukee Youth Council, a legislative body of high-schoolers which advises the Common Council on issues facing young people in the community.

The top submissions were forwarded to a team of judges including **President Murphy, Mayor Tom Barrett, Police Chief Edward Flynn** and Common Council members **Ashanti Hamilton, José G. Pérez** and **Russell W. Stamper, II**. They will announce the winning submissions on Tuesday, and President Murphy said the Common Council will examine implementation of the proposals in future legislation.

“Watching this effort unfold has been very encouraging,” President Murphy said. “It shows that not only do young people know the issues that are facing their neighborhoods, but that they want to be part of the solution.”

**What: MKE Peace Project winners announced**

**When: Tuesday, June 23 at 11:00 a.m.**

**Where: City Hall rotunda  
200 E. Wells St.**

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