I did not want to let this week pass without offering my congratulations to Dr. Tony Báez on his recent election to the MPS Board of School Directors.

I have known Tony for many years and his passionate advocacy on behalf of the Hispanic community and all Milwaukeeans is well-known.

For those unfamiliar with his achievements, he served as the Executive Director of the Council for the Spanish Speaking, Inc. in Milwaukee. Established in 1964, the Council is the oldest Hispanic community-based organization in the city. In honor of his commitment to urban education, in 2010 the Wisconsin Association for Bilingual Education created the “Tony Báez Leadership and Advocacy Award.” This award is given each year to a person who has excelled in advocacy for bilingual education and people of color.

Most recently, the City chose to honor him by granting him the 2015 Frank P. Zeidler Public Service Award in recognition of his lifetime of work on educational change and community education.

He is an excellent addition to the Board and I look forward to working with him.

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