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School Plan Goes To Mayor

Ald. Donovan Presents School Restructuring Plan To Mayor Barrett

Ald. Bob Donovan (District 8) has offered his plan for restructuring Milwaukee Public Schools to Mayor Barrett this morning. The plan includes 14 elements that provide the school district with distinct direction including truancy abatement measures and a “back-to-basics” curriculum outline. “This needs to be looked at as a golden opportunity to move this city forward and create an urban school district second to none,” the alderman said. “Restructuring MPS is definitely a challenge, but I am offering us a starting point and we need to act on this opportunity now.”

In his letter to the mayor, Ald. Donovan asks for “innovative, decisive actions” for the school district and calls on the mayor to “be the leader in putting forth and implementing a comprehensive plan for improving Milwaukee Public Schools.”

Ald. Donovan’s plan offers a framework for school leadership that includes a “Chancellor of Education” as a cabinet-level position appointed by the mayor and approved by the Council. The plan also includes fostering a relationship with Teach for America and establishing several single-gender boarding schools within the city.

“This work needs to begin now and I am proposing these measures to get the ball rolling. We need a place to begin and that is what I have given the mayor,” Ald. Donovan said. “Now as leaders, we must take action to provide quality education to our young people and a new source of pride for the city.”