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Ald. Tony Zielinski  
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## Not Lovin' It

*MPD, Ald. Tony Zielinski Confront Truants at McDonald's This Morning; 15-20 Students Receive Citations*

A McDonald's restaurant that has been a haven for truant Bay View High School students definitely did not deserve a break today when Ald. Tony Zielinski – accompanied by Milwaukee police – walked through the door after 8:35 a.m.

“Several students slipped out the opposite door, but about 20 of them decided they'd better stay put and cooperate with police,” said Ald. Zielinski. The high school's day starts at 8:35 a.m.

Capt. Ed Negron, commander of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Police District, said approximately 15-20 students received \$72 truancy citations and were transported to the Truancy Abatement and Suppression (TABS) center. He said about 10 students fled without receiving citations.

Ald. Zielinski said he spoke to a shift manager at the McDonald's, located at 809 E. Potter Ave., and warned of a crackdown if he continued to receive reports that the restaurant was serving students at all hours of the school day. “They (restaurant management) apparently didn't think I was serious and didn't heed my warning,” the alderman said.

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“It bothers me that this McDonald’s puts corporate profits ahead of our young people and their futures,” Ald. Zielinski said. “Somewhere Ronald McDonald has a tear rolling down his cheek and Mayor McCheese is wiping Egg McMuffin from his face.”

Ald. Zielinski, who represents the 14<sup>th</sup> Aldermanic District and all of Bay View, said Milwaukee police “did an outstanding job enforcing the city’s truancy laws today” and will continue to monitor the restaurant for further problems with students who decide to grab a Quarter Pounder and fries while playing “hooky.”

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