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Mr. Anthony Evers, Deputy State Superintendent
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Dear Mr. Evers,

The purpose of this communication is to request a 2007-08 waiver of one day and the equivalent hours of instruction due to the significant estimated make-up cost.


All Milwaukee Public Schools were closed on December 11, 2007, and February 6, 2008, due to inclement weather. An analysis of the impact to-date on the 2007-08 school days and hours of instruction requirements shows we will be short two days for all schools, the equivalent of almost two days in hours for K-8 and middle schools, and a range of hour shortages for schools with special circumstances.

The Milwaukee Public Schools negotiated calendars include one emergency make-up day (June 3, June 16, or June 24, 2008). This day will be used as a staff and pupil attendance day to address the shortfall. There will be additional costs incurred for using this day including at least \$180,000 for transportation services (the net of the daily transportation costs minus the contracted inclement weather day 40% savings).

Funding the second make-up day will be a challenge to Milwaukee Public Schools and will be done at the expense of other improvement initiatives. Therefore, I am requesting a 2007-08 waiver of one day and the equivalent hours of instruction as needed (370 minutes at the elementary level, 390 minutes at the K-8 level, 393 minutes at the middle school level, and 400 minutes at the high school level).

I look forward to discussing this request with you and your response at your earliest opportunity.

Sincerely,



William G. Andreopoulos
Superintendent of Schools

C: David Carlson, Director, School Financial Services Team