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BUSINESS, GOVERNMENT AND EDUCATION LEADERS JOIN TOGETHER TO SUPPORT AND HOLD MPS ACCOUNTABLE FOR RESULTS



Milwaukee – The Greater Milwaukee Committee (GMC) announced today that an unprecedented collaboration of government officials, business leaders, educators and citizens will provide accountability and support to Milwaukee Public Schools (MPS) in achieving their “Working Together, Achieving More Strategic Plan.”

Mayor Tom Barrett and State Superintendent Elizabeth Burmaster along with Jeff Joerres, CEO of Manpower International and the Accountability and Support Group of the GMC joined with other local government, business and education leaders to commit time and resources to support MPS and hold it accountable for results arising from the Strategic Plan goals.

“We look forward to collaborating with all of these groups to support MPS and produce measurable results,” said Joerres. “We are confident this combined support will incite a turning point for MPS and for Milwaukee as we seek to ensure significant, long-term improvements in the preparation of all students for either career or college.”

In 2006, the GMC launched the “Working Together, Achieving More” effort to work as a catalyst to focus the community stakeholders on higher expectations for student achievement in the MPS. The Strategic Plan was approved unanimously by the Milwaukee School Board and is now in its implementation phase. Currently, the MPS implementation team has narrowed the top priorities from the plan and is creating detailed functional plans to put this into motion. These plans address important topics such as instructional improvement, safety, professional development and technology.

"The 'coming together' of different groups to work on this plan and the Milwaukee Board of School Directors unanimous approval gives us every reason to expect and to ensure measurable outcomes for all MPS students," said Sister Joel Read, Co-Chair of the GMC Education Committee and member of the ASG.

A complete list of members of the GMC’s Accountability and Support Group are attached.

ABOUT THE GREATER MILWAUKEE COMMITTEE

The Greater Milwaukee Committee is a private sector civic organization whose mission is to contribute to the cultural and economic base of the Milwaukee metropolitan area. The organization was formed in 1948 and is comprised of the top leaders in business, the professions, labor, education philanthropy and nonprofit community development. For more information, visit www.gmconline.org or call 414-272-0588.

GREATER MILWAUKEE COMMITTEE Accountability and Support Group

- Mayor Tom Barrett, City of Milwaukee
- Judge Carl Ashley, Milwaukee County Circuit Court
- Tony Baez, President/CEO for the Council for the Spanish Speaking
- Tia Bojar, Dean, College of Education & Leadership
- Elizabeth Burmaster, State Superintendent of Public Instruction
- Pedro Colon, State Representative Wisconsin Legislature
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- Bill Henk, Dean of Education, Marquette University
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- Paul Roller, Retired Chairman, MillerBrands, Milwaukee
- Mark Sabljak, Publisher, The Business Journal
- Reverend Louis Sibley III, Chairman, MICAH
- Lena Taylor, State Senator, Wisconsin Legislature