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MTEA Supports Governor's Call to Pass a Responsible Funding Package for Milwaukee

After Governor Doyle urged the Legislature to pass a Milwaukee funding package during their special session on Monday, October 15, MTEA President Dennis Oulahan made the following statement:

“Public school communities across the state – students, families, educators, and neighbors – will suffer if forced to use budget numbers from last year to fund education in the current school year. For Milwaukee Public Schools, it will mean more overcrowded classrooms, cuts in staff, fewer educational supplies, and increasingly challenging environments in which to learn and teach.

“The MTEA worked with the District to create a strategic plan and the critical first steps of implementation are just beginning. We are determined to achieve the ambitious goals we set for ourselves in the plan, but we cannot do it without resources needed to make necessary changes in our schools.

“We strongly support Governor Doyle's call to the Legislature to pass a Milwaukee funding package including math and science funding for our schools, additional school nurses to keep students healthy and ready to learn, and property tax relief for Milwaukee families.

“The fight over the state budget has gone on long enough. It's time for all elected officials to realize that great schools benefit all of us. We urge Legislators to make Milwaukee's children and families a priority in their deliberations on Monday.”

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