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## MTEA President Responds to Proposed MPS Budget

President of the Milwaukee Teachers' Education Association Mike Langyel issued the following statement about the proposed MPS budget:

“We are deeply disappointed in the proposed budget released by the MPS administration today. Proposals to layoff over 600 hardworking employees, and reduce services to our students, would have serious negative consequences to classrooms throughout the district.

“For years, educators and MTEA leaders have urged the School Board and the administration to join us in moving education forward by working together to change the school finance system in Wisconsin.

“Our students deserve the same educational opportunities that students in neighboring districts enjoy. We must work for a new funding system that will provide the opportunities and resources our students are entitled to.

“Unfortunately, instead of joining us in efforts to fix the state's funding formula, the administration is entering a race to the bottom.

“We will review the budget in detail to determine alternative steps to move our district and education in Milwaukee forward.”

MTEA is the labor union for over 8,000 teachers and education support professionals working in Milwaukee Public Schools. Our vision is to improve the lives of our members and the students and families we serve.

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