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## MTEA Opposes Mayoral Takeover

*New President, Mike Langyel, speaks for Milwaukee teachers*

The city's educators, represented by the Milwaukee Teachers' Education Association, oppose mayoral control of the Milwaukee Public Schools.

Mayoral control won't change the fact that all great schools, including those in MPS, require the same basics to be successful: smaller class sizes; safe and secure learning environments; modern technologies and curriculum; and, most importantly, highly qualified, caring and competent teachers and support staff.

Educators reject the notion that mayoral control would come with guarantees to provide those essential elements of a quality public school.

"Whether it's the mayor or the school board, schools need adequate funding," says Mike Langyel, newly elected President of the MTEA.

MTEA leaders are disappointed that the mayor, governor and state superintendent have not engaged educators, as well as the community, in discussions about reform that could strengthen our schools and help students learn.

"I am very proud of my colleagues who are thoughtful, talented educators in the district," says Mike Langyel. "They are one of Milwaukee's best resources, and any reform will only work for our schools and students if our teachers and support staff are truly partners."

Langyel also stressed the need for community engagement, "Great schools with high academic achievement require partnership and collaboration. We need the community's engagement in and support for our schools.

"A mayoral takeover is the wrong direction. It would silence the voice of the community by taking away the right of citizens to vote for their school board representatives," he says.

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“Mayoral takeover is not a solution to the challenges we face in the district or our city,” says Langyel. “It’s going to take the engagement of the community and the involvement of educators in implementing reforms that we - as the experts in education - know will work for our students.”

The MTEA and its members will be active in engaging the community in opposing mayoral control, and instead, supporting steps that will strengthen the city’s public schools.

The MTEA is a labor union representing over 8,500 hundred teachers and education support staff working in Milwaukee Public Schools. The union’s mission is to improve the lives of our members and the students and families we serve.

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