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## Milwaukee Educators Present Friend of Public Education Award to State Representative Jon Richards

Milwaukee – Milwaukee educators presented the 2008 Don Feilbach Friend of Public Education Award to state Assembly Representative Jon Richards for his unwavering commitment to public schools.

“From his efforts to secure funds for academic programs in MPS to his demands for accountability for schools in the voucher program, Representative Richards has shown leadership and concern for public school educators and the students and families we serve,” says Dennis Oulahan, MTEA President.

Representative Richards was a strong advocate for public schools during the 2007-09 state budget process, and supported MTEA efforts to strengthen licensing requirements for teachers in charter schools. Richards also engaged in several MTEA-sponsored activities designed to educate families, community members, and educators about the impact of public policy on our schools, and help them advocate on behalf of great public schools.

The award was presented to Richards at the MTEA annual leadership convocation on September 10, 2008.

Milwaukee educators award the Don Feilbach Friend of Public Education Award to individuals and organizations dedicated to preserving and strengthening public schools in Milwaukee.

The award is named after one of the founders of the Association, Don Feilbach, who served the MTEA as President for a total of 10 years. During his tenure as President, Mr. Feilbach demonstrated strong leadership and vision and was highly respected for his professionalism. As a retiree, Mr. Feilbach continues to be an active volunteer in the organization.

The Milwaukee Teachers' Education Association is a labor union representing over 8,000 teachers and other education professionals in Milwaukee Public Schools. The MTEA's mission is to improve the lives of our members and the students and families we serve.

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