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## MTEA Applauds Legislators for Involving Educators and Community in Reform Efforts

Milwaukee – Milwaukee educators support Representative Tamara Grigsby and Senator Spencer Coggs in their efforts to shape a productive conversation about education reform in MPS. Their plan “Reforming and Advancing Children’s Education for Success” – RACE for Success – holds great promise for the students of MPS.

The plan includes many of the strategies put forth in the Milwaukee Opportunity Plan, unveiled by the MTEA and WEAC on October 21, 2009.

“Milwaukee educators are ready to embrace change and education reform in MPS,” says MTEA President Mike Langyel. “We need change that will support high quality teaching and learning and lead to lasting improvements in our schools.”

The MTEA applauded the inclusion of strategies in RACE for Success to increase parental outreach and support, develop alternative education settings for the students who need extra support; and expand SAGE to 9<sup>th</sup> grade.

“These ideas were put forth by teachers and parents, who understand what is needed in our classrooms to benefit students and strengthen the community,” says Langyel. “We are pleased that Representative Grigsby and Senator Coggs recognize the value of these changes.”

While there are some elements of the RACE for Success Plan that require further discussion, the MTEA supports the leadership and commitment displayed by Rep. Grigsby and Sen. Coggs.

“These elected leaders have clearly taken the time to listen to educators and the community,” concludes Langyel. “They recognize, like MTEA and WEAC, that we need to work together to increase opportunities to help our students succeed.”

For more information on the Milwaukee Opportunity Plan, including a copy, visit [www.weac.org/Milwaukee](http://www.weac.org/Milwaukee).

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