

April 14, 2025

Dr. Tina Owens-Moore
Board Clerk, Milwaukee Public Schools
Office of Board Governance
5225 W. Vliet Street
Milwaukee, WI 53208

Dear Dr. Owen-Moore:

By way of this communication, I am formally requesting on behalf of staff, students, families, and community members that a public hearing be scheduled no later than the May 2025 monthly meeting of the Milwaukee Board of School Directors regarding the MPS Italian Immersion School, established in 2006. This request is being made in accordance with Governance Policy 2.06 of the Milwaukee Board of School Directors.

Specifically, the community is requesting the opportunity to give public testimony regarding:

- The MPS administration's proposed change in programming to the MPS Italian Immersion School originally established via the Milwaukee Board of School Directors' action; and,
- A suggested location change for the existing MPS Italian Immersion School to continue the rich immersion tradition MPS is known for and contribute to increased district enrollment.

It is important that the requested public hearing take place before any changes are made to the program for the 2025-26 school year. It is also important that the public hearing be noticed for public testimony so that the community's viewpoints are heard regarding the continuation of the program as an immersion program as opposed to transitioning to a world language program as suggested by the administration.

Thank you in advance Dr. Owen-Moore! Should you have any questions regarding my formal request for a public hearing with the chance for members of the community to give public testimony no later than the May 2025 full Board meeting, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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