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By Director Zombor

WHEREAS, The presence of lead paint and coatings in, on and around homes and buildings throughout Milwaukee has created a public health crisis for Milwaukee Public Schools families; and

WHEREAS, The Milwaukee Health Department reports that the prevalence of childhood lead poisoning remains a significant public health priority and has identified hazardous levels of lead in some MPS schools; and

WHEREAS, Lead paint manufacturers should be held accountable for promoting lead paint use to MPS despite knowledge that the paint was highly toxic, especially to children; and

WHEREAS, State funding for education has not been adjusted for inflation since 2009; and

WHEREAS, The state's level of reimbursement support for students with disabilities is the lowest in the nation at 29%; and

WHEREAS, In 2019 California counties and cities won a \$305 million settlement of landmark lead paint litigation to protect children and families from lead paint hazards; and

WHEREAS, The cost to repair, replace or maintain the numerous buildings that may have lead risks is a burden that the district should not have to shoulder; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Milwaukee Board of School Directors hereby directs Administration to consult with the Office of the City Attorney to explore legal options to hold lead paint companies accountable under applicable laws for costs associated with remediating lead paint that continues to pose health risks; and, be it

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, after consultation with the office of the City Attorney, the Administration bring forward its recommendations to the Board.

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