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Robert Connolly, President  
Common Ground  
1034 E. Ogden Ave  
Milwaukee, WI 53202

**Re: MPS's Letter of Intent About Reconstruction of Playfield at Washington High School, 2525 N Sherman Blvd, Milwaukee, WI 53210**

Dear Mr. Connolly:

This letter serves as Milwaukee Public Schools' ("MPS") letter of intent to match funds obtained by Common Ground for the reconstruction of the playfield at Washington High School (WHS), 2525 N Sherman Blvd, Milwaukee, Wisconsin ("Playfield") as outlined below. Please note that the final authority for MPS to match funds for this proposed reconstruction project requires approval by the Milwaukee Board of School Directors.

MPS is planning toward a possible start date for the proposed reconstruction project to be at the start of the 2020-2021 school year. The proposed project is now in the fundraising and conceptual design phase; MPS and Common Ground are in the process of entering into a separate agreement for the formal design of the Playfield reconstruction to be released for bid.

Common Ground is working to obtain fifty percent (50%) of the Playfield reconstruction costs from outside (non-MPS) sources prior to the 2020-2021 school year. Common Ground and MPS estimate the Playfield reconstruction costs to be approximately \$1.6 million. However, the parties understand that an estimate will be created through the formal design process.

The full estimated cost of the Playfield reconstruction, as determined through the formal design process, will need to be raised before the parties can proceed with putting the

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construction phase of the project out for bid. Once the reconstruction has been released for bid, the project cannot be broken down into phases.

Common Ground and MPS understand that the actual reconstruction costs may differ based upon, among other things, the Playfield design and the bid responses for such a reconstruction. Also, the parties understand that should the timeline need to be adjusted, such adjustments may impact the cost and completion of such a project.

Upon completion of fundraising from non-MPS sources to cover 50% of the actual costs of the Playfield reconstruction, MPS and Common Ground will negotiate a further agreement for the construction phase of the project. Common Ground understands that such an agreement requires approval by the Milwaukee Board of School Directors to approve expenditure by MPS of the remaining 50% of the actual costs; Common Ground has no duty to provide funds for the proposed project without a separate agreement for the project that provides for matching funds by MPS.

If at any point Common Ground is not able or no longer wishes to pursue outside funding for this proposed project to the full extent required for the planned reconstruction according to its design, MPS respectfully requests acknowledgement at the appropriate time so that the parties can determine how to utilize the funds Common Ground has already raised for the betterment of WHS and its playfield, and that time and resources may be appropriately reallocated.

Please have Common Ground sign below and send a signed copy of this letter of intent back to me. MPS looks forward to continuing our partnership to make the reconstruction of the WHS Playfield a reality.

Thank you. I look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Larry Miller, President  
Milwaukee Board of Schools Directors

Dr. Keith P. Posley  
Superintendent of Schools

**AGREED**

Common Ground agrees to the above intent of the parties. Common Ground agrees to cooperate and communicate with MPS regarding this proposed project, to include if Common Ground ceases to work toward the stated goal.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Common Ground</b></p> <p>By: _____ Robert Connolly President</p> <p>By: _____ Jennifer O'Hear Lead Organizer</p>
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