

Resolution 1920R-004

By Director Peterson

WHEREAS, many people who testified during the hearings for the 2019-2020 Milwaukee Public Schools budget forcefully described areas of need for our students, families and staff; and

WHEREAS, there is growing unity in our community that the students of MPS need and deserve smaller class sizes, additional social workers, psychologists, nurses and guidance counselors, full time librarians, full time art, music; and physical education teachers in all of our schools, quality professional development on matters such as restorative practices and culturally responsive teaching, bilingual education and Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math (STEAM); and expanded three-year old kindergarten opportunities; and

WHEREAS, all our students, no matter their special needs or the neighborhood they live in, deserve high quality, certified teachers and support staff who stay with and are committed to MPS; and

WHEREAS, several surrounding school districts have the financial capacity to provide the above mention resources and staff to students in their community; and

WHEREAS, to obtain additional funding and to allocate all revenue in the most efficient way it would be useful for the Board of School Directors to have an accurate and complete analysis of how much money is necessary to provide the schools that MPS students deserve; and

WHEREAS, community groups, the Milwaukee Teachers' Education Association (MTEA) and MPS administrators in the recent past have created templates of "The Schools Our Children Deserve" and "Standards of Care" and yet a corresponding estimate of what each would cost was never done; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Administration is hereby directed to develop a plan to engage stakeholders including student, parent, civic, community, religious, and labor (including all MPS unions) organizations in creating a robust outline of a vision of what it would take to ensure that all students get the public schools that they deserve; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That after stakeholder input is received and synthesized, a financial analysis be done to accurately cost out the components of this vision of the schools our students deserve; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Administration is to present its plan for engaging stakeholders ~~in~~ ~~the next~~ no later than the August 2019 Board cycle.