

RESOLUTION 2223R-006

By: Director Aisha Carr

WHEREAS, the recent tragic school shooting at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde County, Texas, has rightfully heightened awareness and urgent attention to school safety concerns; and

WHEREAS, Milwaukee Public Schools (MPS) was awarded over \$3 million in 2018 from the Wisconsin Department of Justice School Safety Grant program to enhance school building safety with physical upgrades and additional training for staff; and

WHEREAS, MPS employs "School Safety Assistants" to patrol designated schools and ensure the safety and security of students and school personnel;

WHEREAS, in June, 2022, MPS leveraged a \$250,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Justice to fund a partnership with Atlas One, a school safety smartphone app that enables parents and school staff to have direct communication with police or the Milwaukee Sheriff's Office;

WHEREAS, the safety of students and staff is the top priority of the Milwaukee Board of School Directors and the MPS administration; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Milwaukee Board of School Directors hereby directs the Administration to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a school security expert to conduct a school safety risk and vulnerability assessment for the district; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the school safety assessment shall be completed no later than December 31, 2022, and shall include, but not be limited to, the following components:

- Unannounced walkthroughs of randomly selected school buildings to audit building security, documenting any potential risks for intrusion from outsiders or other physical school safety concerns;
- Analysis of building-level security, emergency and/or crisis response policies and procedures, with a focus on policies and procedures related to preventing and responding to violent incidents on school grounds;
- Assessment of the content, frequency, participation and quality of school safety trainings conducted by schools and the central office; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Administration shall report the findings of the school security expert to the Board no later than the December 2022 board business meeting.

June 30, 2022