

Resolution 2425R-001

By Director Zombor

WHEREAS, Carmen High School of Science and Technology operates ~~two~~ **three** non-instrumentality charter schools, **two of which are** ~~each~~ co-located in publicly owned MPS buildings, Carmen South at the Walker Complex located at 1712 South 32nd Street and Carmen Southeast at Casimir Pulaski High School located at 2500 West Oklahoma Avenue; and

WHEREAS, The MPS School Board is undergoing a strategic plan to ensure responsible stewardship of publicly owned school facilities to maximize utilization by high-quality schools;

WHEREAS, MPS parents, students, and educators have raised concerns that the current co-locations are restricting enrollment for successful International Baccalaureate and Bilingual programming at Academia de Lenguaje y Bellas Artes (ALBA) and Casimir Pulaski High School; and

WHEREAS, The community continues to raise concerns that these two co-locations are hindering opportunities for expanding public school enrollment; and

WHEREAS, Conflicting school schedules, facility needs, policies, safety practices, and overall goals at the two co-location sites have resulted in strained learning environments and overcrowded facilities for many years; and

WHEREAS, Key findings from the 2022 Wisconsin Evaluation Collaborative (WEC) Charter Evaluation for Milwaukee Public Schools found “little evidence to suggest that the co-location experiment has improved the academic performance of students at either site (and at Pulaski in particular)” and that “Overall it is difficult to find much in the data to suggest that the co-location partnership between Carmen Southeast and Pulaski has met the goals which were envisioned,” and that “the partnership has thus far fallen considerably short of its intended outcomes;” and

WHEREAS, ALBA and Pulaski are over enrollment capacity and are currently turning away families whose first choice is to enroll at ALBA and Pulaski; and

WHEREAS, ALBA’s new IB programming will strengthen a feeder pattern into Pulaski’s IB program; and

WHEREAS, ALBA and Pulaski enroll higher percentages of students with disabilities than the Carmen South campus; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Milwaukee Board of School Directors directs the Administration to give ~~immediate~~ notice of non-renewal for the Carmen leases at the Walker Complex at 1712 S 32nd Street and Pulaski at 2500 West Oklahoma Avenue, both set to expire at the end of the 2025-26 school year; and, be it

FUTHER RESOLVED, That the Administration work with Carmen to offer alternative MPS building space lease options that would not require a co-location of an instrumentality charter or traditional MPS school for the start of the 2026-27 school year.

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