

**Resolution 2223R-014**

**Early Years Success Center**

By Directors Peterson and Leonard

WHEREAS, Milwaukee Public Schools is legally obligated and committed to serve all students; and

WHEREAS, There exists a need for additional supports for students who have experienced repeated behavior challenges that extend beyond what current programs can address; and

WHEREAS, Some of the students with these severe needs can be successfully serviced and taught at their school of origin, while others require a temporary placement in programs away from their school of origin; and

WHEREAS, MPS has one program in particular for 4<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> graders called the Success Center that has proven successful in servicing students whose “behavioral challenges create a significant barrier to their success, happiness; and well-being at school” with the goal of transitioning those students back to their school of origin after 12 weeks; and

WHEREAS, There has been conversations among some MPS staff about the need to create a similar “Early Years Success Center” for students K-4 to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade who have similar behavioral challenges; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Administration, working with appropriate staff members including educators from the Success Center, develop a comprehensive plan with the goal of starting a “Early Years Success Center” beginning with grade 3 in January 2024, no later than two months after the start of the (traditional) 2024-25 school year, adding grades 1 and 2, and beginning with the 2025-26 school year, adding grades K4 and K5; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That such a plan include the identification of an appropriate MPS facility and a plan to have the Early Years Success Center fully staffed in time for adequate training and planning before receiving students; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Administration report back to the Board in the April 2023 Board cycle, with:

- a) a timeline and description of how they will approach the necessary planning, and
- b) a detail of the anticipated costs so that such costs can be included in the 2023-2024 budget.

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