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After Phony Deal Falls Through, MPS Tries to Re-Write History District Throws Away Up to \$1 Million of Taxpayer Money

(Madison, WI) – After their phony real estate deal fell through, MPS is trying to rewrite history. Open records requests prove MPS concerned rushing their deal without public scrutiny rather than improve educational opportunities for children. In fact, MPS board members never mentioned a “high performing school” of any kind during their pitch to hurry up their scam.

According to [an open records request](#) by the Wisconsin Institute for Law and Liberty:

On November 4, 2013 MPS Board Member Larry Miller sent an e-mail trying to rally support to approve the sale of Malcolm X to Holdings. Miller said that there was “urgency” to approve the deal, citing to “pressure from the State legislature concerning MPS facilities.”

State Senator Darling says MPS can’t justify their attempts to preventing hundreds of poor children the opportunity for a good education.

“MPS is trying to rewrite history to hide the facts. MPS could have opened a new school at Malcolm X without selling the building to a fly-by-night developer in a bait-and-switch deal,” Darling said, “The worst part is that children and taxpayers are the ones hurt by the shady deal.”

State Representative Joe Sanfelippo says Malcolm X could and should be a high performing school right now.

“If MPS intended to put a high performing school in the abandoned Malcolm X building, then the district should not have left the building vacant for seven years,” Sanfelippo said, “And if it’s such a priority now, then why is MPS waiting until the fall of 2016 to get a high performing school in the building?”

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