



WISCONSIN LEGISLATURE

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October 15, 2012

The Honorable Arne Duncan
Secretary of the U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20202

Dear Secretary Duncan,

As elected state leaders who represent the Milwaukee area, we write to you in strong support of the Milwaukee Public Schools' Race to the Top – District application.

The reforms MPS is proposing are the right ones – personalized learning, online classes, social supports, data-based teacher evaluations and increased access to technology for students, staff and parents. All these efforts used together can help propel the district toward the kind of achievement necessary for students' postsecondary success.

We have fought continuously for improvement in our school district and progress is being made with our students. Now we want to help ensure that MPS has the necessary tools to continue their work in preparing our youth for advanced education, training and jobs.

We are willing to assist MPS implement the reforms outlined in its Race to the Top – District application. We will give every consideration to MPS requests for legislation that will help ensure the District's RTTD programs are successful.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

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Sandy Pasch
State Representative
22nd Assembly District

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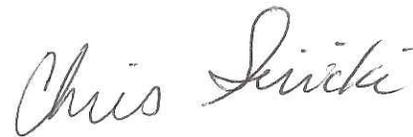
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