



COMMUNITY ALERT

150th Anniversary
Milwaukee Memorial
Day Parade

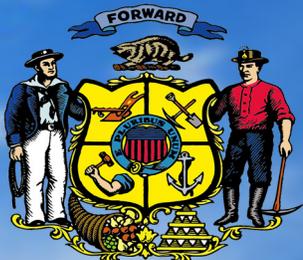
4th Wisconsin Ave. to
the War Memorial
Center

Monday May 25, 2015
@ 2pm

Dear Friend,

Thank you for reading the legislative update. I hope you find the information provided here useful.

As Always,
I'm Here to
Serve



Major Milwaukee Public Schools Governance Change

Milwaukee public education is under attack as the Republican-controlled Joint Finance Committee voted to take away MPS's ability to turn around failing schools, ignoring the voices of Milwaukee parents and educators.



Struggling public schools need support, not experiments at the expense of students. Control over our schools is now being turned over to an unelected and ultimately, unaccountable official appointed by the Milwaukee County Executive. The appointee will oversee the conversion of struggling public schools into charter schools. This is just another step to dismantle Milwaukee Public Schools and another blow to education that we cannot afford.

Drug testing: a nice sound bite, but bad public policy



The Joint Finance Committee approved Gov. Walker's budget proposal to mandate drug testing for people seeking public assistance through programs such as unemployment benefits, food stamps, or Medicaid. This is a serious infringement on privacy as the state has not provided probable cause to require these intrusive tests. Additionally, States may not impose eligibility requirements for federally backed programs like Medicaid. Citizens who meet the federal requirements for public assistance are entitled to receive help without being harassed. Yet, Gov. Walker seems intent on wasting millions in taxpayer funds on likely illegal drug testing rather than investing that in programs that will help kick start our economy.



Celebrate the return of summer by checking out Discovery World's tall ship, the Sailing Vessel (S/V) Denis Sullivan.

Saturday May 23, 2015
10:00 am – 4:00 pm

More details available at:
www.schoonerdenissullivan.org/index.html

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Pipeline to prisons Vs. a pathway to the American Dream

Last week, the state budget committee voted to spend millions of dollars increasing beds in Wisconsin prisons the same day they underfunded public education. They literally created a pathway to prison rather than investing in education. We need all hands on deck to invest in our schools. With 85 percent of our Milwaukee kids reading below grade level, something needs to be done. Our children are too important to play political games with. We need results, not more rhetoric.



Republicans fire Walker from jobs board



This week, Republicans removed Governor Scott Walker from the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors. Walker created WEDC during his first term in office when he made his failed pledge to create 250,000 jobs in his first term in office. I'm glad my colleagues finally fired Governor Walker from the WEDC Board of Directors. I hope they replace him with someone with the leadership and experience to create jobs. The good people of Milwaukee badly need an economic development agency that will help turn Milwaukee's economy around.

Wise Words of the Week!

“A good education is the greatest gift you can give yourself or anyone else.”

-Mahtab Narsimhan