



### COMMUNITY ALERT

#### Community Brainstorming Conference

Topic:

Racism In Milwaukee  
Is There A Cure

February 28, 2015  
8am Breakfast  
9am Program

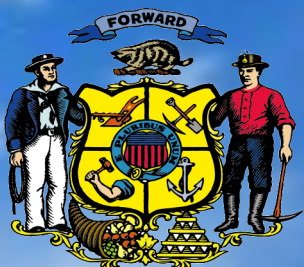
St. Matthew CME Church  
2944 N. 9th St

*Come share your thoughts!*

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



## RIGHT TO WORK PASSES THE SENATE



On Wednesday, I, along , with my Democratic colleagues, stood united with Wisconsin workers, families, and businesses against legislation that further harmed our state’s private unions. Members of the Senate spent nearly ten hours debating the passage of SB 44, a bill to prohibit as a condition of employment membership in a labor organization or payments to a labor organization and providing a penalty. Taking aim at union dues, the Republican controlled Senate ignored thousands of workers, employers and supporters who implored them to allow for the existence and freedom to work in “union shops”. Unwilling to compromise, or listen to calls for a grace period to give businesses time to come into compliance, all but one Republican, voted for passage and moved the bill to be taken up by the Assembly next week.

## RISE ABOVE THE MARK

Rise Above the Mark: A documentary for all who want to ensure a quality education for all students, gives a glimpse inside America’s classrooms and the struggles teachers and students experience as increased legislation, standardized testing, and the subsequent elimination of the arts create rote learning and heart-breaking time constraints. Few hours remain in the school day for creative instruction and individualized study.



Parents, students and educators are invited to a free special screening of Rise Above the Mark Wednesday, March 4, 2015 at 6:30pm at the MTEA office, 5130 West Vliet Street. Free popcorn and beverages provided Movie from 6:30-7:30pm and a discussion will follow from 7:30-8:00pm



**Milwaukee  
State of the City  
Address**

**March 9, 2015**

**Mayor 's Address  
8:30am**

**Alverno College  
3400 S. 43rd Street**

**RSVP Required**

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**We Enjoy Hearing  
From You!**



## **Smithsonian To Build African American History Museum**

As we closeout Black History month, something exciting is happening. In 2003, the National Museum of African American History and Culture was created by an Act of Congress. After years of planning, construction began in 2013. It was voted by the Smithsonian Board of Regents that it would receive the last available space on National Mall and would be built



between the Washington Monument and the National Museum of American History. This museum is instrumental because it is the first museum that is solely devoted to African American culture, providing artifacts on black history and culture on a scale that has never been seen before. The museum will house many exciting artifacts, including what is predicted to be the most popular exhibit, Civil Rights Era photography. Other artifacts the museum will house include Emmett Till's casket, a slave cabin from South Carolina, a World War II era Tuskegee Airmen airplane, and a railroad car from the Jim Crow-era. These artifacts will be available for viewing in 2016 when the museum opens their doors to the public to celebrate African American history. The cost to build such a large-scale museum is \$500 million, half of which is provided by federal funding. Donations can be given to support the museum's creation by going to the Smithsonian's website. These gifts can be paid between one and five years. Museum halls, galleries, and public spaces are also available for sponsorship. Another way to offer support is to apply to be a volunteer at the museum and help provide information to the public about African American history and the artifacts the museum will contain. You can contact the museum at NMAAHCinfo@si.edu or Phone: 202.633.1000.

## **Wise Words of the Week!**

**"If any man tells you he loves America, yet hates labor, he is a liar.  
If any man tells you he trusts America, yet fears labor, he is a fool.**

*- Abraham Lincoln*