

January 11, 2007

Governor Jim Doyle
Office of the Governor
115 East State Capitol
Madison, WI 53702

Dear Governor Doyle:

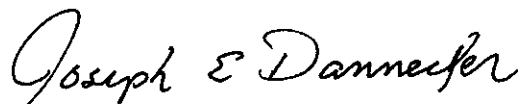
During December 2006, the Milwaukee Board of School Directors took action to join other school boards around the state, as well as student council members, teachers, and parents, to express in writing, during the current budget process, the importance of your leadership regarding education funding.

The Milwaukee Board of School Directors respectfully requests that in proposing your budget for the upcoming biennium, you consider including, at a minimum, categorical aid allocations that permit districts to maintain bilingual and special education programs at their respective FY07 levels, and that your proposed budget include, at a minimum, a funding level of \$2,250 per student for the SAGE program.

In addition, the Board asks that you provide strong leadership in this legislative session to push for comprehensive school finance reform that ensures that students are able to meet state standards and that provides for local property tax relief.

As always, the Milwaukee Public Schools will continue to promote policies and funding decisions that benefit education generally, as well as those that specifically benefit the educational lives of Milwaukee's children.

Sincerely,



Joseph E. Dannecker, President
Milwaukee Board of School Directors