

COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
Inter-Office Communication

Date: February 21, 2012
To: Supervisor Lynne De Bruin, Vice Chair, Committee on Finance and Audit
From: Jerome J. Heer, Director of Audits
Subject: Wauwatosa Schools - Status Report (File No. 11-302)

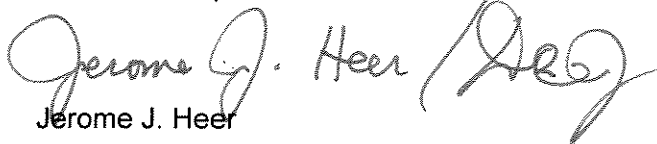
At its meeting on June 16, 2011, the Committee on Finance and Audit reviewed our report, "Review of Wauwatosa Schools District's Reimbursement of Operating Costs Associated with Milwaukee County Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Schools for the 2009-10 School Year," and voted to pass a resolution noting Board concurrence with the recommendations contained in the report.

Attached for your review is a joint memo from Department of Health and Human Services and Department of Administrative Services management describing progress made with respect to Recommendation No. 2 from our report, included as follows for your reference:

"Continue negotiation efforts with the School District to achieve a new contract with language changes that assures the County receives its prorated share of any future early reimbursements made to the School District from DPI on a timely basis and is relieved of any financial responsibility or ensure it is provided a more equitable sharing of funding shortfalls if the DPI (State) does not fully reimburse program costs, and to reflect changes involving the arrangement between the County and the School District occurring in the fifteen years since its execution."

We have no concerns with the steps taken to implement this recommendation.

This status report is informational.


Jerome J. Heer

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Attachment

cc: Finance and Audit Committee Members
Chris Abele, Milwaukee County Executive
Hector Colon, Director, Department of Health and Human Services
Patrick Farley, Director, Department of Administrative Services
Kimberly Walker, Corporation Counsel, Office of Corporation Counsel
Terrence Cooley, Chief of Staff, County Board Staff
Steve Cady, Fiscal & Budget Analyst, County Board Staff
Carol Mueller, Chief Committee Clerk, County Board Staff

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DATE: February 17, 2012

TO: Jerome Heer, Director of Audits - Milwaukee County

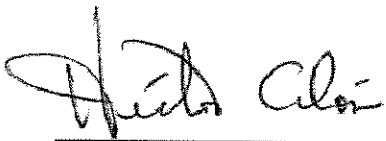
FROM: Héctor Colón, Director, Department of Health and Human Services
Gary Waszak, Interim Director, DAS - Facilities Management
Prepared by Eric Meaux, Administrator/ Chief Intake Officer – DCSD

SUBJECT: **Audit Report (File No. INF 11-325) - UPDATE report in regards to Review of the Wauwatosa School District's Reimbursement of Operating Costs Associated with Milwaukee County Schools for the 2009-2010 School Year" (File No. 11-302)**

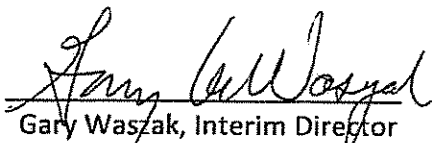
This memo is an update as requested by the Finance and Audit Committee as it pertains to progress made relative to a new contract with the Wauwatosa School District (WSD). Any changes forthcoming related to this intergovernmental agreement impact both the Department's of DHHS and DAS.

DHHS has met with Corporation Counsel to incorporate the suggestions of the Audit Department in order to mitigate, to the extent possible, any fiscal impacts that may transfer to the County by way of State revenue shortfalls, while at the same time ensuring that overall programmatic needs are addressed. DHHS also discussed these proposed changes with the Audit Department to ensure they were in line, to the extent possible, with the intended recommendations.

A letter was sent on 2/13/2012 to the WSD along with the proposed contract by Corporation Counsel.



Héctor Colón, Director
Department of Health and Human Services



Gary Waszak, Interim Director
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