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Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors
901 North Ninth Street
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Dear County Board of Supervisors:

I am writing this letter in support of Nicole Brookshire serving as executive director for Milwaukee County's Office on African American Affairs.

I worked with Nicole when she was vice president of operations for Junior Achievement. JA and MPS forged many partnerships including Learning Journeys, My Life My Plan program for high schools students, and financial literacy courses. Nicole's leadership was crucial in the planning and implementation of these programs. I am excited about her new role with Milwaukee County and am eager to partner with her again.

Milwaukee Public Schools recently launched the Department of Black and Latino Male Achievement to address disparities in academic and life outcomes for Black and Latino boys and young men. Focusing specifically on Black and Latino male achievement will benefit all students in our district. The department will work to analyze data and adopt local and national best practices that result in improved academic and life outcomes for this population. The National Campaign for Black Male Achievement (CBMA) selected Milwaukee as one of five priority cities and is working closely with district and community leaders to identify proven strategies and coordinate resources.

I envision Milwaukee Public Schools and the Milwaukee County Office on African American Affairs aligning efforts to positively change the futures for thousands of our young citizens. Nicole will do an outstanding job in her new role and has my total support.

Best,

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Superintendent of Schools

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