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LULAC COMMENTS ON GOVERNOR DOYLE'S & MAYOR BARRETT'S REMARKS REGARDING POSSIBLE TAKEOVER OF MPS

Milwaukee, WI – The League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) of Wisconsin welcomes the continued focus on the Milwaukee Public Schools District. LULAC of Wisconsin remains committed to insuring that all Milwaukee youth receive a quality education that will provide them with the knowledge and skills to be competitive throughout the remainder of the century.

“LULAC of Wisconsin continues to be concerned with the academic performance of MPS. We look forward to receiving a briefing from the Governor’s and/or Mayor’s office and to being included in the process of developing and implementing a reform plan for the District,” stated Darryl D. Morin, State Director of LULAC of Wisconsin. “The issue of representation is very real amongst the Hispanic community as there continues to be no Hispanics in cabinet/senior management positions at the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction or at MPS. The percentage of Hispanic students in MPS as well as our growing population throughout the state demands a policy of inclusion and diversity,” added Morin.

LULAC of Wisconsin’s continues to hold the following positions:

- Serious issues exist within the Milwaukee Public Schools (MPS) District impacting the quality of education received by Milwaukee’s youth,
- The quality of education currently being received by MPS students will impact their quality of life and personal lifetime earning potential,
- The quality of education currently being received by MPS students will impact access to a skilled and knowledgeable workforce by Milwaukee business lowering Milwaukee’s overall ability to compete in the global economy,
- The combination of reduced personal earnings and loss of commercial global competitiveness will result in reduced city and state revenues impacting their respective abilities to provide essential services,
- English Language Learner programs within the District must be brought into compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights act of 1964,
- Hispanic representation must be added to cabinet/senior management positions within the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction and the Milwaukee Public Schools District,
- Community stakeholders must be given a voice in the reform process and in the selection of cabinet/senior management positions,

LULAC of Wisconsin announced its Better Education Together Initiative earlier this year calling for administrators, educators, elected officials, business leaders and parents to come together to

“Advancing the economic condition, educational attainment, political influence, health, and civil rights of Hispanic Americans”

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improve the state of education in Milwaukee and in Wisconsin. Events have included numerous community dialogues and the Business & Government in Education event which featured Dr. Kris Gutierrez of President Obama's Education Transition Team and Ms. Lydia Logan, Executive Director of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce's Institute for a Competitive Workforce.

Additional information is available at www.LULAC-Wisconsin.org .

The League of the United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) is our country's oldest and largest Hispanic membership based organization. LULAC advances the economic condition, educational attainment, political influence, health and civil rights of Hispanic Americans through community-based programs operating at more than 700 LULAC councils nationwide.

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