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LULAC COMPLAINT LEADS TO INVESTIGATION OF MPS BY OFFICE OF CIVIL RIGHTS

Milwaukee, WI - The League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) of Wisconsin confirms that the Office of Civil Rights is conducting a formal investigation of the Milwaukee Public Schools (MPS) District based on a complaint filed by LULAC.

Darryl Morin, State Director for LULAC stated "LULAC is pleased to learn that the Office of Civil Rights has launched a full and formal investigation of MPS based on our complaint. We continue to call for the protections provided for under the law guaranteeing every child an equal education regardless of race, religion, nation of origin or socioeconomic status."

LULAC filed the complaint in July 2009 regarding compliance of the District's English Language Learners (ELL) program with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. "LULAC took this action after having received numerous requests from parents and students as well as instructors and staff within MPS. We are hopeful that all parties will look at this as an opportunity to further improve the district to the benefit of our children," added Morin.

LULAC of Wisconsin announced its Better Education Together Initiative in 2008. The initiative is designed to bring school administrators, educators, elected officials, business and parents together for the purposes of improving education in Wisconsin. In 2008-2009, LULAC held a series of education forums and community dialogues. The list of speakers brought to Milwaukee by LULAC include Dr. Kris Gutierrez, Professor at UCLA and Member of President Obama's Education Transition Team, Ms. Lydia Logan, Executive Director for the Institute for a Competitive Workforce at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and more.

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-

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