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## DPI statement on correspondence to Milwaukee Public Schools

MADISON – Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction Executive Director Sachin Chheda released the following statement today in regard to a letter sent to Milwaukee Public Schools leadership.

“The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction is invested in building a strong partnership with Milwaukee Public Schools to improve outcomes for all learners.

“Unfortunately, after months of inadequate progress on filing statutorily required fiscal reports, the DPI was forced to inform MPS on Friday that further aid payments are at risk, immediately including both a special education aid payment and a general aid payment in June. The department is requiring a Corrective Active Plan for MPS to move forward, including a clear timeline on when required audits, budget, and other fiscal information can be provided.

“We have been in very regular communication with the MPS superintendent, and the MPS Board of School Directors is also now deeply engaged in a dialogue with the DPI. We believe they are committed to getting the district’s financial reporting back on course.

“Simultaneously, we are working together with MPS, and with other stakeholders, to improve outcomes for Milwaukee’s children, and that will be our priority going forward.”

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