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## **TAYLOR STATEMENT ON DPI ACTIONS ON FEDERAL TITLE I FUNDS**

“It is unfortunate that Superintendent Tony Evers has to take this drastic step to make the MPS board follow the law. Yesterday, Superintendent Evers was forced to use his only power to demand the MPS Board make its district comply with the corrective action plan issued by DPI in accordance with federal law.

Even though MPS Boards and their employees – namely the Superintendent – have received corrective action plans for the last three years, they have failed to:

- Comply with those orders; and
- Inform principals and teachers in a timely manner and throughout the district of the existence of the corrective action plan.

Throughout this time, MPS has continually desired more talk and negotiation about the details of the corrective action plan, rather than comply with the requirements of the federal law.

It is more unfortunate that the Legislature has not recognized and continues to ignore this entity which blatantly ignores the law and the failing education system it governs.

I applaud the Superintendent for his strong stand in the face of the facts and encourage the Legislature to do the same for the sake of the children.”

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