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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **Milwaukee Board of School Directors *Launches an Investigation Into Universal Schools Partnership***

MILWAUKEE, WI – At its special meeting on Tuesday, May 14, 2019, the Milwaukee Board of School Directors voted to initiate an internal investigation into the former partnership between the Milwaukee Public Schools (MPS) and the Philadelphia-based not-for-profit Universal Companies, with which MPS had contracted to operate the Universal Academy for the College Bound as charter schools in three MPS-owned buildings between 2013 and 2017.

In accordance with its action on Tuesday, the Milwaukee Board of School Directors will seek advisement from the Office of the City Attorney on the parameters of the investigation, on any possible litigation in which the Board may become involved, and on other legal avenues related to this matter.

Questions about the Board's action should be directed to Andy Nelson, Media Manager in the MPS Office of Communications & School Performance, at (414) 475-8675 or [nelsona1@milwaukee.k12.wi.us](mailto:nelsona1@milwaukee.k12.wi.us).

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