

KENOSHA COUNTY

Racial & Ethnic Equity Commission

RECOMMENDATION FROM THE RACIAL & ETHNIC EQUITY COMMISSION

Subject: To market and provide walk-through service in order to apply and attain "Wisconsin Minority Teacher Loan Program"	
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Submitted By: Supervisor Andy Berg	
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Prepared By: Andy Berg	Signature:

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin provides a Minority Teacher Loan Program that offers loans to eligible Wisconsin students of color pursuing a teaching license in a teacher "shortage area"; and

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin also provides the loan forgiveness for teachers who receive those loans and teach in a school with a large population of minority students; and

WHEREAS, under the Minority Teacher Loan Program, a college student is eligible to receive a loan up to \$10,000 each year for three years (maximum \$30,000) if she or he meets all the conditions; and

WHEREAS, the student must be Black American, an American Indian or Alaskan native, a Hispanic, a person of Asian or Pacific Island origin, or a person whose ancestry includes two or more races; and

WHEREAS, the student must be a Wisconsin college sophomore, junior, or senior who is studying to become a teacher at an institution of higher education in Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, the student must be enrolled in a program leading to teacher licensure in a discipline identified as a "shortage area" for Wisconsin by the U.S. Department of Education; and

WHEREAS, the student must have an overall GPA of 3.0 or higher; and

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin also provides loan forgiveness for teachers who received loans under the Minority Teacher Loan Program, if they teach in certain subject areas in qualifying school districts; and

WHEREAS, the Higher Educational Aids Board (HEAB), which administers the loans, must forgive 25 percent of the loan and interest for a teacher who received loans under the program for each year in which the teacher satisfies certain criteria; and

WHEREAS, the teacher must be employed full-time in a high-demand area related to the teacher's licensure in a teacher shortage area; and

WHEREAS, the teacher must be employed in a public, private, or tribal school located within a school district in which minority students constitute at least 40 percent of the school district's student membership (the school itself need not have enrollment of 40 percent minority students); and

WHEREAS, the teacher must receive a rating of "proficient" or "distinguished" on the "Educator Effectiveness System" or the equivalent in a school that does not use the system; and

WHEREAS, Kenosha Unified School District has a minority enrollment of 53.7 percent; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kenosha County Racial and Ethnic Equity Commission hereby recommends to the Kenosha County Board of Supervisors that the county market and provide walk-through service in order to apply and attain a 50 percent increase each year for the next four years enrollment into the "Wisconsin Minority Teacher Loan Program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Clerk, upon approval through the Board of Supervisors share the resolution with KUSD leadership

Respectfully submitted,

Supervisor Andy Berg

Approved by:

Committee:

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	<u>Excused</u>
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_____ Elizabeth Garcia	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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_____ Brian Thomas	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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