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Responding to today's United States Supreme Court decision on school choice, five of nine elected members of the Milwaukee Public Schools Board of Directors issued the following statement:

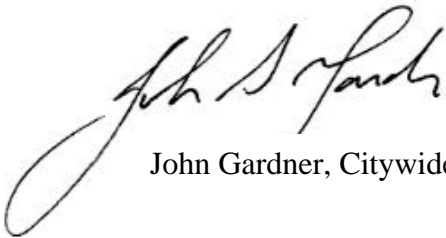
"School choice has been one of the driving external elements in an improving Milwaukee Public Schools system. Increased educational options for families have invoked dialogues of substance and actions by schools that seemed unresponsive to meeting all students' needs. The result has been improved academic achievement, stabilization of enrollment, and a continued quest by our organization to satisfy the educational needs of all children in our community. We at MPS welcome the opportunity to respond to what parents and students want and deserve."



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