

Sen. Taylor: Statement against Milwaukee Public Schools break up

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(MILWAUKEE) – Today, the legislature took up Assembly Bill 966 relating to breaking up the Milwaukee Public School System into 4-8 smaller districts. Senator Lena Taylor (D-Milwaukee) released the following statement on the bill:

“First of all, the idea that Sen. Dale Kooyenga (R-Brookfield) thought he would talk about the benefits of being a “house slave” in relationship to the importance of education for black people was surreal. I’m still tripping off that moment.”

“The reality is that the bill’s authors are notorious for coming up with “solutions” for a school district that they don’t represent. Under no circumstances could I go into Brookfield and tell either their legislators or their parents that I was there to dismantle their district. Milwaukee legislators are never even given the respect of a discussion on how to help the district, yet alone to collaborate on legislation. I guess house slaves are just expected to know their place and do what we are told or let someone else think for us. Not on my watch.”

Does MPS need to improve? Yes. Should changes be made? Yes. Should a legislator from River Hills or Brookfield be making those decisions? No. Milwaukee parents, community leaders, and local stakeholders must be a part of any decisions regarding our school district.”