

Resolution of Support: Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation  
Fabrication Laboratory Grant Application FY18

WHEREAS, Fabrication Laboratories, also known as “fab labs” are creative spaces where people can gather to learn about design and manufacturing technologies and design, create, or invent things in individual or collaborative projects; and

Whereas, fab labs provide access to materials, tools, and technologies, to allow for hands-on exploration and participatory learning by both students and the wider community; and

Whereas, fab labs have attracted increased attention from media, public, government, businesses, and academia, and are experiencing increased demand, where students, faculty and community can come together to do work and learn; and

Whereas, the Milwaukee Public Schools supports STEM education and the integration of curricula so that students can leverage content knowledge, gain exposure to new technology, and make connections beyond the classroom; and

WHEREAS, the Milwaukee Public Schools supports the Fabrication Laboratory Grant Application submitted to Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation for fiscal year 2018.

WHEREAS, the application is for fab lab development at Bay View High School and at Barack Obama School of Career and Technical Education; and

WHEREAS, the Milwaukee Public Schools is Wisconsin’s largest, most diverse school district with 80% of its students economically disadvantaged, continued support is requested; and

WHEREAS, the Milwaukee Public Schools recognizes that the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation reimburses project sponsors for up to \$25,000 in equipment costs in one fiscal year, with a 1:1 match requirement. In light of the 1:1 match requirement, the Milwaukee Public Schools has secured matching funds from other grant awards for Fab lab equipment purchases; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, if the Milwaukee Public Schools is awarded funding by the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation for the Fabrication Laboratory Grant Application FY18 the Milwaukee Public Schools is authorized to and agrees to accept the award and enter into all necessary agreements with the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation for the grant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Milwaukee Public Schools agrees to comply with all applicable requirements as outlined in the Fabrication Laboratory Grant Application FY18 materials from the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE MILWAUKEE BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS THIS 30th DAY OF November, 2017.

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Mark Sain, Board President  
Milwaukee Public Schools