



March 10, 2010

Mayor John Dickert
And Common Council
Racine, WI 53403

Your Honor and Aldermen:

I respectfully request to appear before the appropriate committee to discuss our request to accept 2010 federal appropriation funding administered by the Department of Education. The funding will support the EXCEL program at the John Bryant Community Center, Tyler – Domer Community Center, and Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center. The Finance Department has been contacted for coordination, and the grant control number is 2010-008.

The appropriation is for \$200,000 and will support the after school programming at the community centers listed above. The EXCEL Program is designed to specifically address the risk factors and student/parent needs. This program includes age appropriate activities in a variety of curriculum areas that address the physical, intellectual, and emotional needs of the students. The program supports the classroom teacher by promoting student achievement in a stimulating, healthy and safe environment. EXCEL additionally supports the parents of the students by providing identified needed program/services at an accessible location (the neighborhood community center) at no cost to the adult participants. This program will be a partnership between Racine Unified School District and other community partners. There is no match requirement for this grant.

Sincerely,

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Grants Facilitator