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**MILWAUKEE TEACHING FELLOWS LAUNCHES ITS SECOND YEAR
RECRUITING OUTSTANDING INDIVIDUALS TO MILWAUKEE PUBLIC
SCHOOLS**

MILWAUKEE, WI (November 6, 2008) – Milwaukee Public Schools proudly announces the launch of the Milwaukee Teaching Fellows program’s (www.MilwaukeeTeachingFellows.org) second recruitment season. The Milwaukee Teaching Fellows is an innovative program designed to recruit, select, and train mid-career professionals, retirees, and recent college graduates to become teachers in Milwaukee’s high-need public schools. Milwaukee Teaching Fellows will accept approximately 50 outstanding candidates to begin teaching math, science, special education, and elementary Spanish bilingual (K-3) in Milwaukee Public Schools in fall of 2009. Last school year, Milwaukee Teaching Fellows received 480 applications for its 36 spots.

“We are looking forward to our second year with the Milwaukee Teaching Fellows,” said William Andrekopoulos, Superintendent of Milwaukee Public Schools. “The first cohort of Teaching Fellows has brought a wide variety of professional and educational experiences into our classrooms. Milwaukee Teaching Fellows are making a difference with students in the areas where high-quality teachers are most needed, including math, science, bilingual education, and special education. This program- a joint partnership with The New Teacher Project- will be valuable as we continue our district’s focus on student achievement for years to come.”

The priority application deadline is January 19, 2009. Candidates can learn more and apply online at www.MilwaukeeTeachingFellows.org. For more information, please contact Sean Roberts at (414) 283-4747 or (317) 403-4367, or by email at sroberts@tntp.org.

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Milwaukee Teaching Fellows Fast Facts

- The average GPA for the current group of Fellows is 3.26.
- 30% hold advanced degrees (e.g., MBA, MA, JD).
- Milwaukee Teaching Fellows teach full time and receive a regular first-year teacher's salary and benefits.
- Prior to entering the classroom, Fellows participate in an intensive hands-on summer training which includes working in the MPS summer school program.
- Fellows commit to enrolling in a teaching licensure program at Cardinal Stritch University or the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

This initiative is a partnership between Milwaukee Public Schools and The New Teacher Project, a national non-profit organization that works with school districts, states and other educational entities to improve teacher quality in high-need schools. The program is funded in part through a Transition to Teaching grant from the U.S. Department of Education.

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