



Milwaukee County

Supervisor Peggy West, 12th District

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SUP. WEST TO SPEAK AT LONGFELLOW ELEMENTARY GRADUATION

First graduates from South Side Safe & Sound Program

Milwaukee, WI – Milwaukee County Supervisor Peggy West will speak to 85 students graduating from Longfellow Elementary School this Thursday. The students make up the first graduating class of the “South Side Safe and Sound Safety Program”.

Who: Milwaukee County Supervisor Peggy West
What: Speech on Conflict Resolution
When: Thursday, May 10, 2007, 1 p.m.
Where: Longfellow Elementary School Auditorium
1021 S. 21st Street (21st and Scott)
Milwaukee, WI

“I’m pleased to have the opportunity to talk with these students,” Supervisor West said. “They are our future, and if we’re able to help them with these difficult situations now, we can make a difference in preventing violence as they get older.”

The 6-week program developed by the South Side Project Safe and Sound Committee provides gang education, improves police/community relations and sends a message that non-violence is the best option. At one of the sessions, Supervisor West gave a presentation on “Conflict Resolution.”

The program began on April 16, 2007, with a field trip to the Milwaukee Police Department Safety & Training Academy, where officers spoke to children about the techniques used to safely de-escalate difficult situations without using lethal force. The program continued on a weekly basis with each guest speaker visiting 3 classrooms per week.

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