

Darienne Driver shares MPS initiatives with Obama at White House

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Milwaukee Public Schools Superintendent Darienne Driver said she shared details of local education initiatives with President Barack Obama Monday during a meeting at the White House.

Driver and a small group of urban school superintendents and school board members and representatives of the [Council of the Great City Schools](#) also stressed the importance of maintaining a federal funding stream known as Title I that supports low-income students.

Obama met with 11 representatives from urban districts at a time when [legislation that would re-authorize the No Child Left Behind law](#) is being discussed by federal lawmakers. Driver said the White House selected the attendees.

"Our best wish is that we can have a re-authorized bill that is reflective of meeting the needs of all of our students," Driver said in a telephone interview Monday.

She said she talked with the president about the initiative MPS has with the [GE Foundation to implement Common Core](#), and also about the district's efforts to funnel more resources [toward its lowest-performing schools](#).

"It's important for people to know that Milwaukee is not in this alone," Driver added. "We have the support of the White House and we were given the opportunity to share what is happening in our district."