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Dear Ms. Thurau:

This letter comes on behalf of the Milwaukee Police Department to thank Strategies for Youth for working with us to improve our interactions with area youth. You provided us with new resources and communication methods that appeal to young adults.

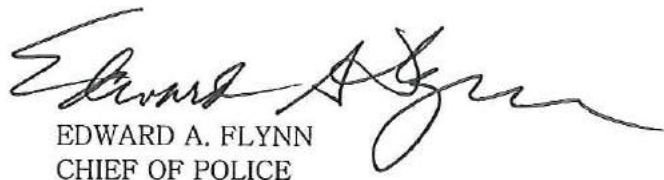
You instructed our school resource officers in *Policing the Teen Brain*, assisted us in updating our youth related policies, and gave us the *Juvenile Justice Jeopardy* game we use to enhance our outreach efforts. Strategies for Youth helped us modify our approaches, thereby reducing conflict and mistrust. After the training you provided, our school resource officers revised their practices and reported a reduction in use of force incidents within Milwaukee Public Schools.

Unfortunately, Milwaukee is a city where children are often exposed to violence. Strategies for Youth helped us address the negative impact of family violence by providing materials that officers can use to connect with kids and make police interventions less traumatic. Your materials are unique and do not currently exist in the police repertoire.

As a longtime member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police, I can confirm the police profession is just starting to realize the importance of modifying how it polices the youth of today. They have so many external forces influencing them. We appreciate your guidance as we move forward in improving all police - community interactions.

Our partnership with Strategies for Youth also permits us to develop sustainable, structured collaborations with other organizations that offer programming designed to address the physical, social and spiritual health of teens. We appreciate your assistance in refining our relationships with Milwaukee's youth.

Sincerely,


EDWARD A. FLYNN
CHIEF OF POLICE

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