Ald. Bob Donovan (District 8), after several months of preparation, has readied a plan for Milwaukee Public Schools and in response to today’s announcement that the Milwaukee School Board is exploring dissolving the MPS system, he is preparing to make it public. “With every crisis, opportunities are presented,” the alderman said. “This is the opportunity to fashion a school system second to none.”

In a letter to be issued to the mayor on Monday, Ald. Donovan will outline his proposal for restructuring the school system in Milwaukee. The more than 14-point plan has elements of successful models used in other urban communities across the nation facing the same struggles as Milwaukee. “It is important that we take action now because the longer this crisis festers, the less confidence the public will have in the system overall,” said Ald. Donovan, who has frequently asked the mayor to take over MPS.

“It is incumbent upon us as leaders to concentrate first and foremost on the education of our young people; we can no longer wait to take action,” Ald. Donovan said. “Creating a superior education system for the City of Milwaukee can galvanize this community and that work begins now.”