

EXCLUSIVE: Top MPS Administrator Accuses Superintendent Of Discrimination, Retaliation

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The longtime director of literacy for Milwaukee Public Schools is accusing Superintendent Keith Posley of racial and gender discrimination and has filed Equal Opportunities Commission and Equal Rights Division complaints.

Debbie Kuether has been an MPS employee for 27 years and for the last nine years has been the director of the district's literacy program. Kuether is alleging MPS, under Posley's direction has engaged in racial discrimination in hiring and that she has been retaliated against for making the complaints. Her case was the subject of an MPS school board meeting earlier this year. Kuether has made a complaint against the district to both the board and federal authorities under "whistleblower" laws.

Kuether's case is also being investigated by the Milwaukee City Attorney's office. (That office has been dealing with internal issues of its own with a number of employees resigning and allegations made of inappropriate behavior by City Attorney Tearman Spencer.) Kuether says the staffing issues have delayed the city investigation.

Neither Posley nor anyone else from MPS has responded to my request for comment. Kuether alleges the school board is aware of corruption and illegal behavior from the superintendent and is doing nothing about it.

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