

DRW Statement in Opposition to AB966/SB963

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AB966 and its Senate counterpart SB963 would break the Milwaukee Public School (MPS) district into between 4 and 8 smaller districts. The disruption resulting from the proposed split would affect a proportionally larger population of students with disabilities, as 19.6% of MPS students have disabilities while the statewide percentage is only 14.2%. The split would forcibly disrupt educational trajectories for those students with disabilities who would have to change schools in order to conform to their new district of residence. In addition, the move would decrease the continuum-of-placement possibilities that are available across the larger district, as smaller districts would struggle to recreate the full continuum that the current citywide district represents. For these reasons, Disability Rights Wisconsin opposes AB966/SB963.