



**MILWAUKEE
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Superintendent's Report – June 2023

The Superintendent's Report is designed to provide the Milwaukee Board of School Directors and the MPS community with an update on current activities under way to support the district goals of academic achievement; student, family, and community engagement; and effective and efficient operations as they are aligned to the district's strategic objectives and the Five Priorities for Success.



Senior Send-Off

Milwaukee Public Schools hosted its annual Senior Send-Off on Friday, June 9, at Wick Field. The event was designed to honor and celebrate the end of high school and the start of new adventures for the Class of 2023 graduates. Graduates had an opportunity to visit with counselors, partners, staff, and friends while enjoying food, music, games, and great prizes geared toward new beginnings. A number of graduates were nominated for "Senior of the Year"—an honor recognizing a senior's persistence and determination on the path to exceptional achievement. During the event, students also received words of encouragement from administration, partners, and support staff along with information about supports available in MPS College and Career Centers during the summer.



MPS's Annual Big Reveal



Milwaukee Public Schools announced a record high in scholarship offerings on June 15 at the district's annual Big Reveal. The class of 2023 received an astounding \$121,000,000 in scholarship offerings earned by 902 of the Class of 2023 graduates. These students represent 96 more students receiving scholarship offers than the previous school year. Much of the students' successes is attributed to the College and Career Centers and an updated graduation policy requiring all students to complete the Free

Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form.

During the 2017–18 school year, 20 College and Career Centers were established for MPS high school students. The centers were designed to offer free resources to and support students in grades 6–12 and provide a critical component in helping them to acquire scholarship offers. Currently, there are 21 College and Career Centers serving all MPS high schools, including our alternative locations. Throughout the 21 centers, 6,415 students were seen a total of 22,647 times during the 2022–23 school year.

With the support of the College and Career Centers throughout the year, the class of 2023 will be heading out to more than 119 colleges and universities, both in and out of state, private and public, and with dozens of majors in mind. We are proud of all of our graduates and congratulate this year's scholarship offer recipients.

Response to Intervention—RtI

In an annual report issued by the Wisconsin Response to Intervention (RtI) Center, 132 MPS schools were recognized for achievement in reading, math, and/or behavior and were ranked bronze, silver, gold, or platinum for the number of years in meeting standards. We are proud to announce that Reagan High School reached platinum recognition for demonstrating full implementation in all three levels and areas with evidence of improvement for a minimum of three years. Honorable mentions went to Fairview, Emerson, and Honey Creek schools for reaching gold status in all three areas.



The Wisconsin RtI Center assists Wisconsin's education systems in building capacity, adopting and implementing high-quality practices, making informed decisions, and ensuring sustainability of efforts and increased success for all students. The center's goal is to develop and sustain an equitable multi-level system of support to ensure success for all students. At the classroom level,

RtI practices identify students who need additional support and then responds to students with individualized plans to help them succeed. [See the full list of the recognized MPS schools.](#)

Free Summer Meals

Milwaukee Public Schools offers free summer meals for children under the age of eighteen. No application or registration is needed to receive a meal. Children simply visit one of the designated food sites during meal time and receive a meal. View the [MPS 2023 Summer Food Service Program Sites.](#)

Summer Recreation and Academic Opportunities

Summer recreation opportunities are still available for all ages. Milwaukee Recreation offers Community Learning Centers, camps, camping, swimming, open playgrounds, twilight centers, driver's education, space science, archery, and a host of other opportunities. Many activities are free for students. For a full list of opportunities, see the [Summer Recreation Guide.](#)

Summer learning is available through the MPS Summer Academy. More information is available in the [Summer Academy Enrollment Guide.](#) If you have questions about Summer Academy, please contact the Extended Learning Office at elo@milwaukee.k12.wi.us.

Milwaukee Public Schools Is Hiring



Become a member of the Milwaukee Public Schools family! Do you want to make a difference in the lives of our students? MPS is seeking exceptional educators and support staff to join our team along with building service workers and food service workers.

The next hiring fair is July 12 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Central Administration Building located at 5225 West Vliet Street. District personnel will share information about the hiring process, full-time and part-time openings, license requirements, and competitive pay and benefits. Residency in Milwaukee is not required.

MPS offers great benefits for full-time employees (30 hours or more per week):

- Health insurance
- Dental insurance
- Life insurance
- Vision insurance
- Flexible health savings account
- Flexible dependent care savings account
- Generous vacation and sick leave
- Pension
- 403B participation (voluntary)
- Tuition reimbursement

View open positions, read more about benefits, and apply at mpsmke.com/careers.