



## REPORT TO THE MILWAUKEE BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS: APRIL 2022

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The Office of Accountability and Efficiency (OAE) was established to enhance transparency, oversight, and accountability to the District's financial operations; to evaluate fiscal performance; and to recommend solutions in furtherance of fiscal stewardship of Milwaukee Public Schools.

During the reporting period, the Office of Accountability and Efficiency continued to implement the FY22 OAE Work Plan.

### *Accountability and Efficiency Services*

Between March 14, 2022 and April 11, 2022, Accountability and Efficiency Services fulfilled three requests for information/research and three constituent inquiries. The service area also completed two special projects, closed two whistleblower reports, and completed its independent review of the district's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR).

Also during the reporting period, Accountability and Efficiency Services assisted in the planning of and attended *School Integration in Metropolitan Milwaukee: The Past, Present, and Future*. This event was a one-day, in-person conference that brought together educational and civic leaders of Milwaukee and surrounding suburbs to talk about issues of equity and integration, and to share ideas for future collaboration to tackle the persistent segregation that exists in the region. Jointly sponsored by MPS and the Bridges Collaborative, the conference helped attendees gain a common understanding of the history of segregation in the Milwaukee metropolitan area and past attempts, such as Chapter 220, to address it in Milwaukee's public schools. Additionally, conference participants looked at regional solutions to segregation in other school districts around the country and learned about research on how to talk about school integration in ways that are compelling and effective.

Accountability and Efficiency Services also continued to support the District's implementation of Administrative Policies 3.09 and 6.35.

### *Contract Compliance Services*

During the reporting period, Contract Compliance Services (CCS) staff members focused our efforts on the Communities in Need (COIN) and Student Engagement Programs.

Two COIN participants achieved Gold Communities in Need status. Participants are eligible for this status when they have completed 1200 or more COIN workforce hours spanning multiple Milwaukee Public Schools general construction projects.

CCS team members participated in a strategic planning session with one of CCS's intergovernmental partners. The meeting focused on collaborative workforce development opportunities, including leveraging COIN and the Student Engagement Program on a sustainability project for lighting upgrades throughout Milwaukee.

CCS hosted one abbreviated Job Readiness Training at Shalom High School.

Additionally, one organization specializing in cosmetology/barbering signed-on to be a CCS Mission Aligned Partner (MAP) and has agreed to provide mentoring internships to students interested in a career within the industry.

Finally, seven high school students engaged in interviews for internships in the following industries: administration, cosmetology/barbering, and moving services. Five students were hired: two in administrative services, two in cosmetology, and one in moving services.

Contract Compliance Services also continued to support the District's implementation of Administrative Policies 3.10 and 3.13