



REPORT TO THE MILWAUKEE BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS: JULY 2020

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.

This month, the OAE began implementation of its FY21 Annual Work Plan, which was presented to the Board at its June meeting. During each of the ensuing months, the OAE will highlight one area of the work plan in its monthly report to provide the Board and the public with more information related to the work of the OAE.

Accountability and Efficiency Services

Between June 17, 2020 and July 21, 2020, Accountability and Efficiency Services fulfilled eight requests for information, two requests for data analysis, and six requests for independent hearing officer (IHO) assignment. Additionally, Accountability and Efficiency Services completed two special projects.

Also during the reporting period, Accountability and Efficiency Services worked with the Department of Recreation and Community Services to update the playfield equity prioritization model, which is used by Recreation as a planning tool for playfield revitalization projects. The model, which uses neighborhood characteristics, population characteristics, and playfield conditions, was updated with 2019 data. During this update, Accountability and Efficiency Services was able to operationalize the matrix update process, which will allow for increased efficiencies in future updates of the model. This operationalized process also provides a framework for development of other equity-baselined prioritization models that the district may want to use in other planning efforts and resource allocation decisions.

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 convened Mission Aligned Partners (MAPs) for its quarterly meeting to continue advancing the employment training road map for Administrative Policy 3.13, Communities in Need (COIN). Given the nature of today's climate, the team discussed racial injustices affecting students, COIN participants, and Historically Underutilized Businesses (HUB). The collaborative work session produced measurable objectives for consideration including strengthening the District's diversity and inclusion efforts through deliberate practice, increased accountability for contractors/vendors/partners, and full transparency within contract compliance monitoring efforts.

Contract Compliance Services also successfully placed 27 students in virtual employment and training opportunities with various MAPs where they are developing growth mindset and learning how to build positive and effective team habits through the creative use of technology and mentorship. A cohort of students are participating in a writing lab as part of their training. This experience will afford students the opportunity to create and publish an anthology through T.A.L.K. Publishing, which will serve as a starting point for entrepreneurship. A launch event will be held this August.

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