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REPORT TO THE MILWAUKEE BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS: JUNE 2023

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.

June is the last month of the OAE's fiscal year 2023 (FY23) Work Plan. A final report on work completed as part of the FY23 Work Plan will be transmitted to the Board subsequent to the close of FY23 on June 30, 2023. Additionally, the OAE's FY24 Work Plan is attached. Implementation of the FY24 Work Plan will begin July 1, 2023.

Accountability and Efficiency Services

Between May 13, 2023 and June 17, 2023, Accountability and Efficiency Services fulfilled 16 requests for information/research, three constituent inquiries, and five special projects. Accountability and Efficiency Services also fulfilled two requests for an impartial hearing officer assignment.

Accountability and Efficiency Services began its collaboration with the Office of Finance to improve the efficiency of various finance activities leveraging data models that are used in the OAE. This will reduce the amount of time and effort required by finance staff to obtain and query financial data from the financial system.

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

Contract Compliance Services (CCS)

During the reporting period, Contract Compliance Services (CCS) staff members focused on HUB and Student Engagement Programming.

CCS, in collaboration with the Department of Procurement, is piloting an RFB/RFP training session that will provide instructions on how to successfully complete proposals. Additionally, the session is designed to attract more contractors/vendors interested in conducting business with Milwaukee Public Schools and to eliminate any confusion around completing required documentation related to proposal responses. CCS will use the opportunity to educate potential new vendors with detailed steps on completing all mandatory forms and schedules.

Lastly, CCS plans to maximize our student internship opportunities to the fullest extent during summer break. This summer, we will provide paid internships for over 70 MPS high school students. CCS is sponsoring paid internships for 46 students in various career industries with our mission aligned partner, Lead2Change. The internships will provide students exposure to industries spanning from administrative services to construction. In addition to partnering with Lead2Change, 25 students were interviewed for internships in the following industries: actuarial services, construction, human resources, technology, transportation, and tutoring services. 10 students were successfully placed.

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