



**MILWAUKEE
PUBLIC SCHOOLS**



Superintendent's Report – May 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.

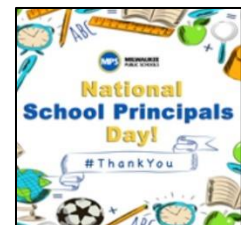


Staff Appreciation



Celebrations for Administrative Professionals' Day, April 26, 2023, took place throughout the district to recognize assistants for the work that they do in keeping schools, departments, and offices running efficiently. We very much appreciate their work.

Principals were celebrated on May 1, 2023, in honor of School Principals' Day. It takes the work of every staff member, community member, partner, and parent with the leadership of a school principal to keep a school running smoothly. We salute our principals for being at the forefront of the day-to-day and yearly successes of our schools.





On May 5, 2023, the Metropolitan Milwaukee Alliance of Black School Educators held its twenty-first annual Teacher of the Year Gala, at which 120 teachers in Milwaukee Public Schools were honored.

[See below for a complete list of 2023 MPS-MMABSE award recipients.](#)

Teacher Appreciation Week took place May 8–12, 2023, and provided an opportunity for all stakeholders to thank teachers for their dedication and continued service. Teachers are key to the academic excellence that students can achieve, providing them with encouragement, support, and rigorous education.



On May 10, 2023, the Department of Specialized Services recognized School Nurses Day, celebrating school nurses for their role in the success of students. School nurses support students with a host of services that include students' medical, nutritional, mental, and physical health needs. The care that school nurses provide can make the difference in a student's ability to remain productive in school. We recognize the need for and thank our school nurses.

We are grateful to all our staff for the work that they do daily. Thank you!

High School Graduation

Graduation is a time for celebrating the accomplishments that one has achieved and for planning next steps in a lifelong journey. MPS congratulates all the 2022–23 graduates and wishes them much success in their future endeavors.



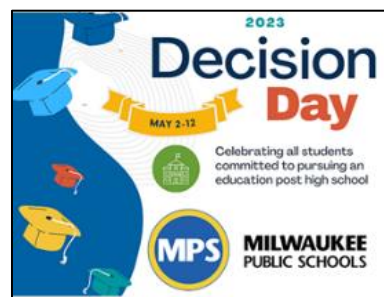
Graduates still have access to the College and Career Centers, where they can receive assistance with completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) application; applying for college admissions, grants, and scholarships; and exploring opportunities such as building trades, military service, and youth apprenticeships. We encourage all students to take full advantage of the College and Career Centers whether they need assistance with FAFSA, résumé writing, or job searching—the centers are available to them.

High school graduations are taking place May 24–31, 2023, at the UW–Milwaukee Panther Arena and MATC's Cooley Auditorium. Tickets are required and should be obtained from an inviting graduate. Congratulations to all of our graduates!

College Decision Day

Decision Day is a May celebration! The 24 high schools in the district planned reveals that took place between May 2 and 12 for seniors with a declared career path so that the students could proudly share their future plans.

Each school planned an individual ceremony to recognize these seniors. Of the thousands of seniors who will graduate, every senior who declared their career plan was recognized to celebrate their hard work toward graduation and the journey to the career of their choice. Congratulations to all of our students!



Summer Opportunities

Summer is a time for students to engage in multiple activities that include academics, college campus experiences, recreation, and employment.

Academic opportunities are now available for K5–grade 12 students that include math, science, English language arts, English as a second language, and STEM.

- [High school courses and registration](#)
 - Session I: June 6–22, 2023, Monday–Friday, 8:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.
 - Registration for Session I closed on May 15, 2023.
 - Session II: June 26–July 27, 2023, Monday–Friday, 8:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.
 - Registration for Session II will close on **June 5, 2023, at 11:59 p.m.**
- [K5–grade 8 courses and registration](#)
 - Five-Week Session: Monday, June 26–Friday, July 28, 2023, 8:00 a.m.–noon
 - Registration for Five-Week Session will close on **June 5, 2023, at 11:59 p.m.**
- [Specialty program courses and registration](#)
 - For specialty programming with June dates, registration closed on May 15, 2023.
 - For specialty programming with July dates, registration will close on **June 5, 2023, at 11:59 p.m.**

More information is available in the [Summer Academy Enrollment Guide](#) and in the [Summer Academy Specialty Courses flyer](#).

College campus opportunities are now available for high school students.

- We offer College 101 courses through our Summer Academy. Some of these courses include the following:
 - Beach volleyball – UWM
 - Medical terminology – MATC
 - Written communication (English 195) – MATC
 - Aviation science drone workshop – Carroll University
- Approximately 90 students will participate.*

- [UW–Madison PEOPLE Program](#) students will spend up to six weeks on campus (depending on grade level). Seniors who graduate and who will attend UW–Madison also will spend the summer on campus.
Approximately 275 students will participate.
- Schuler Scholars (Golda Meir and Riverside) are encouraged to participate in summer pre-college programming as well as a 10-day leadership camp.
Approximately 40 students will participate.
- Marquette and UWM have college summer opportunities through various programs such as Upward Bound and College for Kids.
- The Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Milwaukee's Graduation Plus program, aimed to support college access, offers programming for students in the summer.

Recreation opportunities are now 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, view the [Summer Recreation Guide](#).

The Department of Recreation is also hiring.

Employment opportunities are available through Employ Milwaukee and the City of Milwaukee. Employ Milwaukee offers the Earn and Learn program for youth ages 14–24 and the Camp RISE program for ages 10–13. The programs are designed to provide meaningful work or leadership experiences to youth in Milwaukee Public Schools and the community.

The programs seek to provide one or more of the following in each program:

- Structured, well-organized work-based learning experiences
- Role models who encourage youth to continue in or return to school
- Career assessment, awareness, and exploration as part of the learning experience
- Opportunities that may lead to unsubsidized employment for youth making the transition from school
- Leadership skills
- Money management

For more information on the Earn and Learn program, email earn.learn@employmilwaukee.org and apply for the [Earn and Learn Summer Youth Employment Initiative](#). MPS students may also reach out to Ms. Ophelia King at 414-475-8128 with questions.

Camp RISE applications have closed for summer 2023, but interested parties may express their interest in future camp opportunities via the [Camp RISE Interest Form](#).

The City of Milwaukee is also hiring for the summer. We will share more information at our Senior Send-off event on June 9, when the city joins us at Wick Field. The City of Milwaukee will give students an opportunity to interview and be hired on site. Watch for further details!

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 June 21, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 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 and read more about benefits on our website at mpsmke.com/careers. Apply online.

MMABSE
Metropolitan Milwaukee Alliance of Black School Educators
MPS-Teacher of the Year Honorees

Name	School
Carmen Adams	Audubon Technology and Communication Middle School
Rebecca Akin	A.E. Burdick School
Kimberly Anderson	Milwaukee Sign Language School
Kelly Ash	Clarke Street School
Richard Baranowski	Milwaukee French Immersion School
Tatiana Baskin	Audubon Technology and Communications High School
Audrey Baur-Thompson	Luther Burbank School
Alethea Biles	Bay View Montessori School
Natalie Bishop	Ralph Waldo Emerson School
Taylor Bocek	Eighty-First Street School
Charlotte Booker	Milwaukee School of Languages
Leah Bradley	Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. School
Connor Broderick	Gwen T. Jackson Early Childhood and Elementary School
Deborah Bruno	Jeremiah Curtin Leadership Academy
Terry Burns	Neeskara School
Candace Carlisle	Hopkins Lloyd Community School
Tysha Chambers	Milwaukee County Youth Education Center
Edith Chiappetti	Allen-Field School
Maria Colon	Greenfield Bilingual School
Brenda Cwiklinski-Kertscher	Frederick J. Gaenslen School
Bette Annette Davis	Milwaukee Environmental Sciences Academy (MESA)
Carolyn D. Davis	Richard Kluge School
Dena DeBerry	Elm Creative Arts School
Roberto DeJesus	Rogers Street Academy
Marti Diaz	Department of College and Career Readiness

Name	School
Maura Donohue	H.W. Longfellow School
Joylyn Duffy	Fifty-third Street School
Kelly Ehlers	John Greenleaf Whittier School
Jocelyn Fait	Lincoln Center of the Arts Middle School
Miguel Feliciano	Wedgewood Park International
Cindy Flechner	Humboldt Park School
Allyson Friedkin	Alexander Mitchell Integrated Arts School
Tony Garcia	Alexander Hamilton High School
Valerie Glatzel	Golda Meir High School
Areli Gomez	La Escuela Fratney
Kathryn Gompfer	Riverside University High School
Jaime Gonzalez	Ronald Wilson Reagan College Preparatory High School
Laura Gorecki	Morse Middle School for the Gifted and Talented
Jennifer Gorenc	Louisa May Alcott School
Heidi Grudnowski	U.S. Grant School
Aruna Halala-Vishudh	Samuel Clemens School
Maria Herrera	Hayes Bilingual School
Christina Michelle Hill	Nathaniel Hawthorne School
Pronte Hinton	William T. Sherman Multicultural Arts School
Ava Holdmann	Milwaukee German Immersion School
Dionne Jamison	Andrew S. Douglas School
Roderick Johnson	Cass Street School
Rodney T. Jones	Green Tree Preparatory Academy
Mary Kindberg	Clara Barton School
James Klug	Ralph H. Metcalfe School
Marisa Koss	Lowell International Elementary School
Precious L. Lefer-Johnson	Milwaukee Marshall High School
Rama Leopold	Mary McLeod Bethune Academy
Pao Li	William George Bruce School
Jeffrey Lingo	Roosevelt Middle School of the Arts
Michelle Loeffel	Brown Street Academy
Fouad Lubna	Anna F. Doerfler School
Jane Lundsgaard	Westside Academy
Dr. Virginia Lynch	Washington High School of Information Technology

Name	School
Cindi Matousek	Gilbert Stuart School
Lynda McTrusty	Lowell P. Goodrich School
Amare Mebrahtu	Milwaukee High School of the Arts
Samantha Michels	Golda Meir School 3-8
Alicia Miranda	MPS – PBIS Team
Molly Mollet	Harold S. Vincent High School
Anthony J. Morgan	Frances Brock Starns Discovery Learning Center
Kathy Mount	William Cullen Bryant School
Celene Mueller	Trowbridge Street School of Great Lakes Studies
Jan Novara	Casimir Pulaski High School
Bonnie O'Hara	Robert M. LaFollette School
Yolanda R. Ogunbowale	Riley Dual Language Montessori
Karin Olson	Alexander Mitchell Integrated Arts School
Leah Osiecki	Lynde and Harry Bradley Technology and Trade High School
Effia Owusu	Manitoba School
Joyce Peoples	Hartford Avenue University School
Rose Peterson	Barack Obama School of Career and Technical Education
Vernita Phillips	Rufus King International Middle School
Derrick Portalatin	South Division High School
Mary Ellen Quesada	Fernwood Montessori School
Marizol Rackers	Milwaukee Spanish Immersion – Upper Campus
Sarah Ramlow	James Madison Academic Campus
Kari Reck	Bay View High School
Barbara Redd	River Trail School
Dimarie Reyes	Milwaukee Spanish Immersion Lower Campus
Morgan Rosenberg	Academy of Accelerated Learning
Christopher Scaffidi	Clement Avenue School
Troy Schaeffer	Oliver Wendell Holmes School
Justine Schwanz	Victory K-8 and Milwaukee Italian Immersion School
Kimberly Shields	Ninety-Fifth Street School
Christina Singer	Milwaukee Parkside School of the Arts
Shavodka Slaughter	Albert Story School
Emily Sokolowski	Individualized Developmental Educational Approaches to Learning School

Name	School
Susan Starkman	Craig Montessori School
Sharon Stockman	Maple Tree School
Tyra Stokes	Auer Avenue
Cynthia Suarez	Frances Brock Starns Early Childhood Center
Marissa Tann	Milwaukee School of Languages
Sarah Tavaghoe	Siefert School
Mai Bao Thao	Lancaster School
Deborah Tillman	Thurston Woods Campus
Kali Topczewski	Dr. George Washington Carver Academy of Mathematics and Science
Sharon Tucker	Congress School
Ben Tyjeski	Hamlin Garland School
Lisa Uvena	Lloyd Barbee Montessori School
Carla Van Lieshout	Walt Whitman School
Brodi Van Riper	Riverwest Elementary School
Yeng Vang-Strath	Milwaukee Academy of Chinese Language
Catherine Voss	North Division High School
Dr. Letitia Walters	James E. Groppi High School
Tracey Watkins-Gobbeo	Benjamin Franklin School
Brooke Weter	Browning School
Chelsea Williams	Townsend Street School
Joanelle Williams	Milwaukee College Prep – Lola Rowe North Campus
Emily Wilson	Hi-Mount School
Sheila Witherspoon	Project Stay
Nancy Wong-Woessner	Keefe Avenue School
Sonia Wooten	Grantosa Drive School
Pa Vang Xiong	Forest Home Avenue School
Erik Yellstrom	Henry David Thoreau School
Aaron Young	Escuela Vieau School