

MONTHLY REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE MILWAUKEE BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

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Submitted by President Larry Miller

Below is a summary of the activities in which the President engaged on behalf of the Board during the proceeding month.

1. I took part in two virtual meetings of the Milwaukee Library Board.
2. I visited Riverside High School three times on election day to give support to voters waiting in line and to take photographs of their courage.
3. I spoke daily with the Superintendent on the status of the lunch and breakfast program, virtual learning, senior graduation, credit recovery, and much more.
4. The One Milwaukee work team met weekly to bring back proposals to our participating governmental entities. These are meant to be short-term and long-term.

a. WiFi Access for Students and Schools

Dr. Posley proposed a project based on work being done in Columbus, Ohio, where the City, County, and school district came together to provide WiFi hotspots for students and schools to do virtual learning and classrooms, professional development and school operations. (See <https://www.govtech.com/network/Coronavirus-Ohio-Schools-Spend-50K-on-Wireless-Data.html>)

The work team agree to take-on the goal of providing students with WiFi throughout the City during school-day hours. Initial options include deployment of mobile WiFi via

- underutilized City vehicles;
- County buses;
- MPS vehicles;
- libraries' WiFi infrastructure; and
- City, County, and MPS buildings.

There is potential to leverage this immediate intervention into a plan for sustained access and opportunity in the long term.

b. Federal Stimulus Resources

How can we access?

What are leverage opportunities to do joint work?

One Milwaukee will coordinate information from the City, County and MPS on plans for deployment of resources with potential proposals for coordination of implementation.

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