

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

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July 28, 2022

Submitted by President Peterson

In an effort to support the goals identified by MPS as essential to the accomplishment of the MPS Vision and Mission, the President's activities from June 2022 included the following:

## ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

- Attended the first three meetings of the MPS Inclusive Perspectives Social Studies Committee which was set up by the board and administration to supplement the social studies text books that were adopted. The committee is looking for omissions and inaccuracies in the books and will make recommendations as to how teachers should handle such shortcomings in the textbooks. I am excited about the strong group of teachers that are working on the committee — this year the committee is focusing on the new books that are 3rd through 6th grade.
- I participated in nine hours of Professional Development with the team of social studies teachers who are reviewing the content of our recently adopted social studies books for bias, inaccuracies and omissions.
- I presented at a conference with two MPS teachers — Areli Gomez and Alyssa Mussa. The conference was sponsored by the African American Policy Forum and entitled Critical Race Theory Summer School. The three of us participated in a panel discussion titled Organizing and Teaching Against White Narratives in Social Studies textbooks.

## EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT OPERATIONS

- I met with the MPS Foundation staff and board members as we reviewed attempts to increase donations to MPS.

## STUDENT, FAMILY, AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- Throughout July I have responded to constituent emails, phone calls and texts.
- I participated in meeting with Ken Hansen and representatives from UWM, MIAD, MATC and Marquette to discuss how a digital design campaign might encourage larger turnouts in our upcoming elections.
- I met with members of Citizen Action of Wisconsin and participated with Director Herndon in a press conference promoting our resolution on connecting MPS climate efforts with those of the city and the county.
- Looking forward to participating with others in the Run Back to School event on Saturday, August 27, 2022, at Wick Playfield