

# REPORT OF THE BOARD'S DELEGATE TO THE DISTRICT ADVISORY COUNCIL ACTIVITIES OF DECEMBER, 2023

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December 21, 2023

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## CONSENT AGENDA

The District Advisory Council wants to share the following information with the MPS community.

## IMPORTANT CALENDAR CHANGE IN DECEMBER

MPS has made a change to the **early start school calendar** for fall 2023. Families should read carefully and make note of the change. **This does not impact schools on the traditional start calendar.** This change was made to make up for learning time missed due to extreme heat at the beginning of the school year.

**December 21, 2023— Student Attendance Day for Early Start Elementary and K-8 Students:** This date was previously a non-attendance day for students. Students on the early start calendar will now attend school on Thursday, December 21, 2023. This is a non-attendance day for Middle and High School students and a Records Day for Middle and High School teachers.

Please ask your child's teacher if you have any questions.

## SCHOOL COUNSELING PRESENTS GRADE LEVEL MEETINGS FOR PARENTS

MPS school counselors are hosting meetings for parents/ guardians and families with high school students. The meetings will cover college and career readiness activities for each grade level. Information will be shared so parents learn key terms, understand the options available, discover resources and programs for their child, and are clear on the requirements and deadlines at each grade level for on-time graduation. Attendees will receive the updated graduation requirements and have the opportunity to ask questions.

Mark your calendar and plan to attend these meetings!

## AFFORDABLE CONNECTIVITY PROGRAM (ACP)

The Affordable Connectivity Program is designed to help families to afford the internet. A federal program, the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP), provides a \$30/month discount on home internet service. As all schools in Milwaukee Public Schools (MPS) participate in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP), households with MPS students are automatically eligible for this discount.

Two internet providers in Milwaukee, Spectrum and AT&T, offer home internet service for \$30/month for households that qualify for the ACP.

Contact these two providers for more information on this program.

## MPS READS

Each month, MPS provides a list of recommended books for preschool through grade 12 that allows students to see themselves, explore other cultures, and discover more about the world in which they live.

Help ignite a passion for reading!

## MPS CALENDAR SURVEY

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MPS administration has decided to leave the survey open to allow families who did not have an opportunity to take it to do so. Unfortunately, paper surveys are not available, and we are aware that some families do not have an electronic device to take the survey. We are asking that you send a message to all families at your school making them aware that if they would still like to take the survey but do not have a personal electronic device to use, the school will have one available for them to use. The survey officially closed on December 4, 2023, but will stay open indefinitely to accommodate feedback from more families, students, and community members. Families were sent a link to the survey to their email address or they can register to have a new survey sent to them using the following link: [https://mpsresearch.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_cFLniRdYbnDdf0O](https://mpsresearch.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_cFLniRdYbnDdf0O)

Please provide families with your contact information so that they can get in touch with you to arrange a time to come in and do the survey if needed. Also please make sure your school has identified a device for families to use. Please feel free to reach out to me directly if you have questions or need additional information.

