



REPORT TO THE MILWAUKEE BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS: APRIL 2025

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.

Accountability and Efficiency Services

Between March 9, 2025, and April 5, 2025, Accountability and Efficiency Services completed two constituent support inquiries and satisfied one impartial hearing officer (IHO) request.

During the reporting period, the OAE has focused most of its effort and attention on the Corrective Action Plan (CAP) under DPI. CAP 2 was approved by the Board on January 30, 2025, and the OAE is managing the project in conjunction with the Administration as set forth in the plan.

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

Contract Compliance Services (CCS)

This month, the CCS team focused on strengthening Student Engagement Programming. Five student interns were successfully interviewed and hired for roles in ambassador(peer mentoring) and special education. These positions provide valuable work-based learning opportunities.

CCS staff participated in the Junior Job Fair hosted by Career and Technical Education (CTE) on March 19, 2025. Our engagement allowed us to provide information on current and summer internship opportunities.

We continue to foster partnerships within the District and with external sponsors to advance these initiatives. CCS remains steadfast in supporting the District's implementation of Administrative Policies 3.10 and 3.13, ensuring compliance and promoting student engagement.

Audit Services

The Audit Services area under the OAE provides independent assurance that the District's risk management, governance, and internal control processes are operating effectively.

Updates in the Audit Services area for the current reporting period of March 8, 2025, through April 14, 2025, include:

Audit Completions and Activities:

- Corrective Action Plan updates: updated Board Rule and Audit Committee Charter along with BG 2.12 and BG 1.18 were presented and approved at the March 18 LRP committee meeting and March 20 Board meeting. Identifying prospective Audit Committee members for Board review and approval during the May 2025 Board cycle
- Issued one school audit and three charter school audits
- Scheduled one new principal school audit
- Reviewed one charter school external auditor's report
- Conducting several ongoing investigations resulting from Fraud Hotline Tips

- Recorded the 49th fraud hotline tip this fiscal year, which surpassed the number of complaints received for the entire FY24
- Provided continued analysis and feedback to the Procurement Department on certain contract services matters
- Audit Services Association of Local Government Auditors (ALGA) Peer Review for our Office will be conducted the week of April 14, 2025, and the results should be available by April 21, 2025
- Audit Supervisor, Matt Hart, started in OAE Audit Services, April 8, 2025.