

MPS/MKE Early Childhood 1,825 Initiative Update

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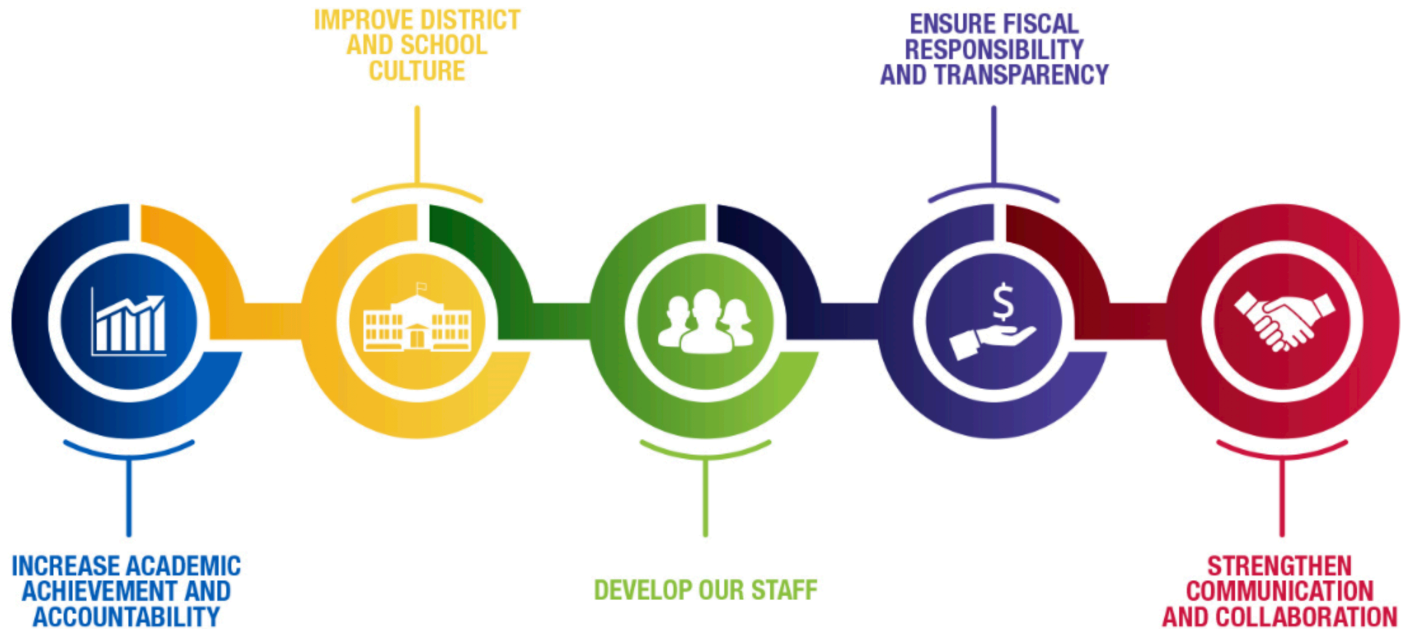


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Five Priorities for Success

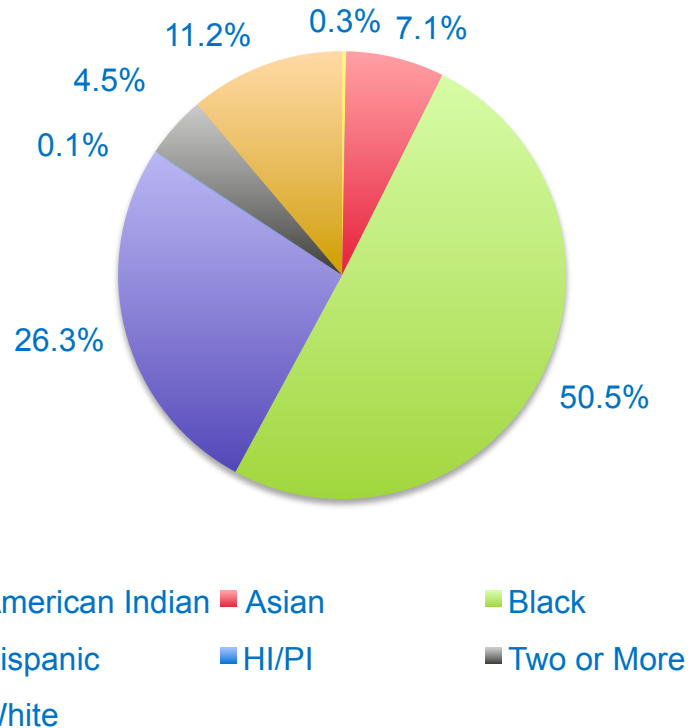


Diversity is our greatest strength – Early Childhood

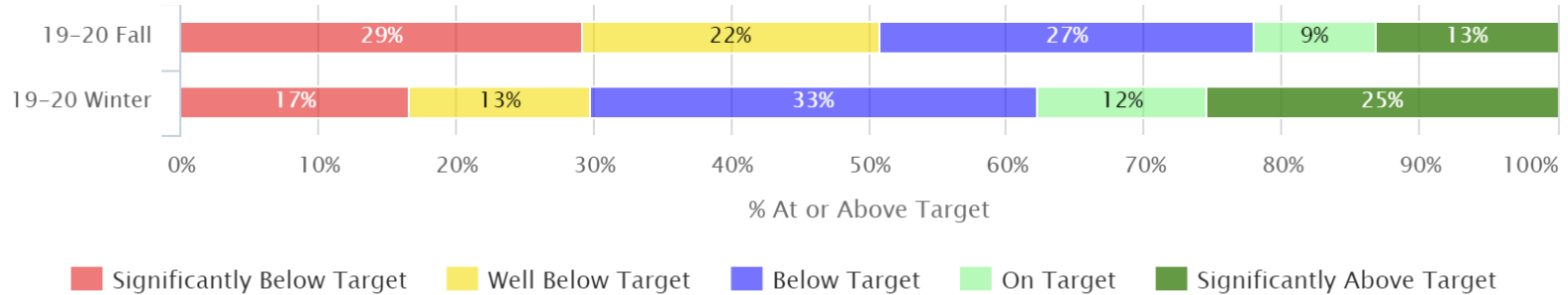
MPS Demographics 2019-20

- 12,879 Students
- 14.5% English Language Learners (Only students in K5 are identified.)
- 19.5% Students with disabilities
- 81.9% Economically Disadvantaged

- Ethnicity



Early Literacy Kindergarten Benchmark Data



715 additional students on target in winter from fall

943 fewer students performing below basic

MPS/MKE EC Initiative “Countdown to Kindergarten” Project (REVISED)



Countdown to Kindergarten

A Guide for Families

Milwaukee Public Schools wants every child to succeed! Use this step-by-step guide to help your child be ready for the first day of kindergarten.



February 1 to March 1, 2020

Download the MPS App to learn more about Milwaukee Public Schools. Visit MPS schools and choose a school for your child. Enroll online, at an MPS school, or at MPS Central Services.



Head Start students: Enroll at the Grant Gordon Learning Center (formerly Lee Learning Center).

K3 and Head Start: Limited programs are available at some MPS schools. Children must turn 3 by September 1 to be eligible.

K4 and Head Start: Programs are available at most schools across the district. Children must turn 4 by September 1 to be eligible.

K5: Programs are available at most schools across the district. Children must turn 5 by September 1 to be eligible.



March and April, 2020

Families who enroll by March 1 should receive a letter with their child's school assignment by the end of March. Contact your child's school to schedule a tour so your child can get excited about starting school in fall!



May to August, 2020

Watch your email and check the MPS website to find exciting activities throughout Milwaukee. MPS and partners will offer free fun so your child can start learning.



August 2020

Attend the citywide Kindergarten Kickoff to receive free resources and prizes. Meet other families and kindergarten students. Information will be posted on the MPS website.



Early Start
First Day of School:
Monday, August 17, 2020

Traditional Start
First Day of School:
Tuesday, September 1,
2020

Check with your child's school and mark your calendar so your child will be on time for the first day of kindergarten! Children who attend all day, every day are more successful.



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Progress on MPS/MKE Early Childhood 1,825 Initiative

Completed Work

- Registered families for “Countdown to Kindergarten” activities
- Trained all parent coordinators on accessing EC information for families on the MPS App
- Streamlined MPS Head Start enrollment process

Current Work

- Support district work during COVID-19 related to Early Childhood
- Continue to register families for “Countdown to Kindergarten” activities
- Monitor MPS Head Start enrollment process for efficiency
- Develop transition activities for children
- Revise Countdown to Kindergarten family events

Future Work

- Continue to align professional development to the needs of community childcare centers
- Continue to register families for “Countdown to Kindergarten” activities
- Continue Frog Street Trainings
- Offer professional learning on classroom management and social emotional learning
- Update web page

Thank you.

