

REPORT OF THE BOARD'S DELEGATE TO THE DISTRICT ADVISORY COUNCIL

ACTIVITIES OF APRIL 2023 REGULAR MEETING

April 20, 2023

Submitted by Director Leonard

CONSENT AGENDA

Thursday, April 13, 2023

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

RESCHEDULED!!

Our Lights Are On Community Event Promise Partnership Schools in the 53206 ZIP code will host an open house and job fair. Due to weather conditions, the event has been rescheduled for Wed., April 19, 2023 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Families are invited to learn about schools, explore full-time and part-time jobs in MPS, meet community partners, and find resources. Registration is not needed. The event is free, and childcare will be provided!

Andrew S. Douglas Middle School
3620 N. 18th St., Milwaukee, 53206
[Download a flyer for more information.](#)

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT!

The week Celebrating Abilities Spirit Week kicked off with a virtual event on March 27th. The Department of Strategic Partnerships & Customer Service and the Department of Specialized Services planned the kick-off event for the school community to watch and learn about the community's special education resources for students and families.

Please watch the recording to the virtual kick-off. Share it with your families to learn about Special Education resources in MPS and the community.

After you watch the video, please complete the survey. We would like to hear your feedback.

[Link to survey](#)
[Recording of CA Virtual Kick-Off](#)

STRATEGIC PLAN FOR THE 2023-2028 SCHOOL YEARS

If you would like to learn more about the findings and the draft of the Strategic Plan that will guide Milwaukee Public Schools improvements in the next five years, the district will hold five community feedback sessions next month. All sessions are open to MPS staff and members of the public.

You will have an opportunity to weigh in and provide feedback prior to finalization of the plan. We look forward to your participation.

- Tuesday, April 11: For Districts 1 and 2 — 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Vincent High School, 7501 N. Granville Road
- Thursday, April 13: For Districts 3 and 5 — 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Rufus King International Middle School, 121 E. Hadley Street
- Tuesday, April 18: For District 7 — 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Hamilton High School, 6215 W. Warnimont Avenue

Feedback from the meetings will help inform the new MPS Strategic Plan, which will include annual performance targets after launching in July.

DISTRICT SPELLING BEE FINALS – JOIN US!

Join us for the Districtwide Spelling Bee Finals and be amazed as students face off in this classic academic challenge. Watch the spelling bee on TMJ4's livestream at <https://tmj4.com/live> or attend in person on two dates:

Saturday, April 15: Grades 3–5, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 22: Grades 6–8, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Vincent High School
7501 N. Granville Rd., Milwaukee, 53224
Interpreter tomorrow

ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOLS: NEW THIS SUMMER! FREE OVERNIGHT CAMP FOR MPS STUDENTS IN GRADES 4-8!

MPS allocated ESSER dollars to send MPS students to their choice of 8 summer camps located in Wisconsin. This opportunity is available for students currently enrolled in grades 4-8 as of the 2022-23 school year. ESSER funds will cover the cost of camp registration, camp-provided transportation to and from camp, and a camper supply kit. Stays range from several days to several weeks.

Overnight camp is an opportunity to make friends, enjoy nature, and create lifelong memories. Promotional information was emailed to households of all grade-eligible students on March 28. Parents/guardians were asked to complete the [Camp Interest Form](#) if they would like their children to attend. This is the first step; additional information will then be provided to complete registrations.

Families are encouraged to attend our Information Fairs on April 11 (virtual) and April 15 (in person). Representatives from each camp will share what students can expect from an overnight camp experience. [Click here for Information Fair details](#) and RSVP form. [For more information about the initiative click here.](#)

Please note: The long-standing [Camps for Kids](#) program will again award over 100 MPS students with a "full campership" to attend a weeklong residential summer camp in Wisconsin. For additional information about Camps for Kids, please visit their [website](#).

TRANSITIONS FOR STUDENTS IN SPECIAL EDUCATION

Please share The Special Education Workshops Transition Planning Flyer. There is information on the Transition to High School for all families with 8th-grade students receiving special education services going to High School next school year. This session will be in-person on April 26, 2023, from 5:30-7:00 p.m. Parents must [register](#) to receive the Zoom link to participate in the workshop.

Please share the flyer with all your parents with students in 8th receiving special education services at your school.

For more information, contact Monica Lopez at lopezmm@milwaukee.k12.wi.us or (414) 902-8434.

Attachment
[Flyer-English](#)
[Flyer-Spanish](#)

MPS IS HIRING! VISIT OUR HIRING FAIR!

MPS seeks exceptional teachers and paraprofessionals to join our team, especially at the middle and high school levels in the areas of science, math, world languages, art, bilingual education, and more. MPS will host a job fair to help job seekers explore careers and learn more about the district. College students who will graduate with teaching degrees in spring 2023, along with non-education majors, are welcome to attend. We also invite professionals with bachelor's degrees who are looking to make a career change and become teachers.

Thursday, April 13, 2023, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Rufus King High School
1801 W. Olive Street, Milwaukee, 53209

[Read more about excellent benefits and open positions.](#)

SUMMER ACADEMY REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

Summer Academy is for all students who want to have fun learning and start strong in fall! Visit mpsmke.com/summeracademy for all the details.

Grades K5-8 can take part in a five-week camp with weekly themes in art, music, math, science, and literacy. The elementary session runs June 26 to July 28 from 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. Childcare is available.

Middle and high school students can catch up on credits, get ahead, or take college classes. Two sessions are available: June 6-22 and June 26-July 27.

Specialty classes allow students to start a new hobby, explore a career, or start school strong in the fall. [Download a flyer of Specialty Courses.](#)

FINANCIAL LITERACY WORKSHOP

MPS students, staff, and families are invited to a workshop to learn more about personal finances and money management.

Thursday, April 13, 2023, 5:30–8:00 p.m.
Riverside University High School
1615 E. Locust St., Milwaukee, 53211

Topics include:

- How to Improve Your Credit Report and Credit Score
- How to Invest in Real Estate
- How to Plan for Home Ownership

A light dinner will be served. Space is limited and participants must register in advance: <https://forms.gle/pGHhE8hqZMUJFVVy9>

For more information, contact Marti Diaz, Financial Literacy Teacher Mentor, at joneswmd@milwaukee.k12.wi.us.

IMPORTANT CHANGES TO TRADITIONAL CALENDAR

- June 15, 2023 - Last Day of School: The last day of school for students is moving to Thursday, June 15 instead of Friday, June 16.

To view the school calendars and find a list of schools on the traditional and early start calendars, visit the [MPS School Calendars page](#).

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! [Access the book list on the MPS Reads page](#).

SENIORS—APPLY FOR COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS!

MPS scholarship information is on [Xello](#) and contained in an [MPS Scholarship Google Folder](#). The folder contains event flyers, scholarship application materials, presentations, and the 2022–23 Milwaukee Public Schools Scholarships & College and Career Opportunity List. All the materials can be viewed, downloaded, and printed. Students and parents can visit the [MPS Scholarships web page](#) for additional resources on college affordability and meet with their school counselor and/or College and Career Centers advisor for one-on-one help.

MILWAUKEE BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

Upcoming Meetings: April

If you'd like to follow the meetings of the Milwaukee Board of School Directors, visit the [Milwaukee Board of School Directors page](#) to find the meeting schedule, agendas, and links to watch or listen to live meetings. Instructions for public testimony are also offered on this page.

Special Board Meeting: Tues. Apr. 11, 5:30 P.M.

Regular Monthly Board Meeting: Thurs. Apr. 20, 5:30 P.M.

Organizational Board Meeting: Tues. Apr. 25, 5:30 P.M.