

**(ATTACHMENT 1) MONTHLY REPORT, WITH POSSIBLE ACTION, ON ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE OFFICE OF ACCOUNTABILITY AND EFFICIENCY (OAE)**

*This item initiated by the Office of Accountability and Efficiency.*

Current Project Updates

Resolution 1617R-001

1. Background

At its meeting on August 25, 2016, the Board referred Resolution 1617R-001 by Directors Falk and Harris to the Committee on Student Achievement and School Innovation. The resolution resolved that the Board direct the Administration, in consultation with the Office of Accountability and Efficiency, to conduct a review of the MPS Balanced Assessment System.

2. Update

At its meeting on October 27, 2016, the Board accepted the recommendation of the Committee on Student Achievement and School Innovation (SASI) to bring back to the Board a full report on the review of the MPS Balanced Assessment System. On February 14, 2017, a full report was brought to Board with the results of the review. The Administration is continuing to investigate our balanced assessment system by participating in the Assessment Inventory for School Districts National Network that is being developed by Achieve. Achieve is an independent, nonpartisan, nonprofit education reform organization dedicated to working with states to raise academic standards and graduation requirements, to improve assessments, and to strengthen accountability. Our participation in the National Network strongly supports Resolution 1617R-001 directive for an evaluation of the district's balanced assessment system, which will be completed by June 2017. This will provide the district with a thorough review of our balanced assessment system using independent evaluation tools.

Process Improvements

1. Background

Between May 31, 2016 and June 3, 2016, the OAE led process improvement training for twenty-one Office of Finance and Title I Office staff, with many of them coming from the Financial Planning and Budget Services team. Since that time, the OAE has jointly worked with small groups from these trainees to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of financial and budget processes.

## 2. Update

### Office of Finance

At the request of the Senior Director of Financial Planning and Budget Services, the OAE has initiated a process improvement projects in the grants area. Team members from the Office of Finance, Financial Services, the Division of Grant Development and Planning, and the Department of Technology have worked to streamline the communication of grant awards and their associated documents between offices for better outcomes and efficiency.