



REPORT TO THE MILWAUKEE BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS: NOVEMBER 2021

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.

During the reporting period, the Office of Accountability and Efficiency continued to implement the FY22 OAE Work Plan.

Accountability and Efficiency Services

Between October 18, 2021 and November 8, 2021, Accountability and Efficiency Services fulfilled two requests for information/research, five constituent inquiries, and two requests for data analysis/visualization. Accountability and Efficiency Services also completed one special project and closed two whistleblower reports.

Accountability and Efficiency Services also piloted the automation of analysis of district sending and receiving enrollment reports using business analytics tools. This type of automation, which is part of the OAE's strategic planning around data analysis, will allow Accountability and Efficiency Services to field recurring requests for analysis with greater efficiency.

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

Contract Compliance Services

During the reporting period, Contract Compliance Services (CCS) fulfilled five requests for Certified HUB Firm lists.

CCS also focused efforts on re-engaging MPS high schools with the Student Engagement Program. CCS team members conducted outreach to 33 MPS high schools, which included surveying students' interest in the Student Engagement Program. To date, CCS has received responses from eight schools. As a result, CCS will host three work readiness sessions during student Academic and Career Planning (ACP) classes. Sessions will be held at Audubon, Alliance, and Pulaski.

CCS team members attended a ribbon cutting ceremony at North Division High School celebrating the third cohort of MPS/Green Schools Consortium of Milwaukee (GSCM) Schoolyard Redevelopment Projects. The event was hosted by Reflo, a CCS alternative placement site, and showcased North Division's new spaces for outdoor learning and environmental sustainability through stormwater management and increased urban biodiversity. The event also highlighted a North Division student who completed an environmental internship program focused on the environment, climate education, climate justice, and sustainability themes. CCS looks forward to the continued partnership and the opportunity to sponsor interns for the upcoming cohort.

CCS team members also attended a strategic planning session hosted by a Mission Aligned Partner (MAP). The purpose of the session was to brainstorm and discuss how to continue aligning CCS/MAPs resources to create additional, paid work-based learning opportunities for high school students. During the session the need for recruitment of additional alternative placement sites for student intern opportunities was identified. As a result, CCS will survey community-based organizations within zip codes 53206, 53215, 53218 to identify additional alternative placement partnerships. These are the zip codes with the highest representation of eligible students in the Student Engagement Program.

Contract Compliance Services also continued to support the District's implementation of Administrative Policies 3.10 and 3.13.