



## REPORT TO THE MILWAUKEE BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS: AUGUST 2024

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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 July 14, 2024, and August 17, 2024, Accountability and Efficiency Services completed two constituent inquiries and four information requests. The OAE also satisfied one impartial hearing officer (IHO) request, closed one whistleblower report, and completed one RFP/Bid appeal.

During the reporting period, the OAE has focused most of its effort and attention to the Corrective Action Plan (CAP) under DPI. The CAP was approved by the Board on June 13, 2024 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)*

During this reporting period, CCS staff focused on enhancing our HUB Student Engagement Programming. Our team participated in a luncheon aimed at supporting small, minority-owned, and diverse businesses within the City of Milwaukee. This event provided an excellent platform for CCS to discuss our HUB program and current contracting opportunities.

We are also pleased to report that CCS continues to extend its summer internship sponsorships for Milwaukee Public Schools high school students. During August, two student interns underwent interviews across diverse industries, including administrative services and art therapy, resulting in one student being successfully hired.

CCS remains dedicated to fostering collaborations with departmental and internal sponsors as we actively work towards establishing additional internships and work-based learning opportunities for our high school students.

Furthermore, Contract Compliance Services remains committed to supporting the District's implementation of Administrative Policies 3.10 and 3.13.

### *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 include:

#### Audit Completions and Activities

- One school audit issued
- FY24 School Audit Summary Report issued
- FY24 Annual Fraud Summary Report issued

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- Expulsion Performance Audit Report issued
- Audit staff evaluations completed
- FY24 Charter School Documents for web site updated
- One Special Investigative Report issued
- Corrective Action Plan Updates: Outreach to Stakeholders on Audit Committee Membership, Drafted Updated Board Rule for City Attorney Review
- Conducting several ongoing investigations resulting from Fraud Hotline tips