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REPORT TO THE MILWAUKEE BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS: OCTOBER 2019

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.

The Office of Accountability and Efficiency continues to make progress on a broad strategic planning process, which began in July 2019. The goals of the strategic planning process are as follows:

- Goal One: Evaluate the work conducted by OAE since inception, evaluate the office capacity used for recurring work and required for non-recurring work, and review relevant policies and procedures
- Goal Two: Reaffirm or revise the mission, vision, and responsibilities of the office, reaffirm or revise relevant policies and procedures, and establish future priorities
- Goal Three: Introduce an annual plan of work, including metrics for plan evaluation

As of October 1, 2019, the process moved into phase two: strategic alignment. More specifically, during the month of October a strategic alignment tool was developed to analyze strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats as it relates to seven alignment elements. This work will be completed by the end of 2019 with findings to be reported to the Board in a later monthly report. These findings will then be used to inform the development of an annual work plan.

Accountability and Efficiency Services

This month, Accountability and Efficiency Services completed onboarding one new staff member, consistent with the structuring and staffing portion of the strategic planning process.

Additionally, between September 18, 2019 and October 23, 2019 the service area fulfilled three constituent inquiries, five information requests, seven requests for process improvement support, and one request for data analysis.

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

Contract Compliance Services

On October 21, Johnson Controls International hosted its annual Control Products Distribution meeting in Milwaukee. To promote this year's conference theme "Tomorrow Needs You," small groups of Control Products Distributers visited seven MPS high schools (North Division, South Division, Madison Academic Campus, Pulaski, Bay View, Obama SCTE, and Bradley Tech) meeting motivated students at each school to discuss STEM careers, employment requirements in the industry linked to MPS' Communities in Need (COIN) program and encouraging participation in job-readiness training sponsored through the Department of Contract Compliance Services. More than 30 industry representatives and over 60 MPS students took part in the visits.

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