



**MILWAUKEE  
PUBLIC SCHOOLS**



## Superintendent’s Report – October 2022

The Superintendent’s Report is designed to provide the Milwaukee Board of School Directors and the MPS community with an update on current activities under way to support the district goals of academic achievement; student, family, and community engagement; and effective and efficient operations as they are aligned to the district’s strategic objectives and the Five Priorities for Success.



## High School Enrollment

The enrollment window remains open for eighth-grade students and their families to select the high school of their choice for the 2023–24 school year. With more than two dozen high-quality schools to choose from, students may select a school best suited to them. In addition to the core graduation requirements, MPS offers rigorous programming that includes Advanced Placement, world languages, agriculture, dual enrollment, bilingual education, fine arts, and Montessori options. If a family has not yet selected a high school for their eighth-grade child, there is still time. Families have until October 30, 2022, to make their selection. Families may register by going to <https://mpsmke.com/hsapp>.



## College and Career Planning

MPS offers students a variety of options to guide the planning process for life after high school. Through our College and Career Centers, students receive information, participate in field trips, engage with guest speakers, and research college and career opportunities such as college admissions, scholarships, building trades, military service, and youth apprenticeships.

Students in grades six through twelve have access to 21 school-based College and Career Centers. Centers are open during regular school hours and after school for postsecondary planning.

High school seniors should take advantage of the College and Career Centers and work with school counselors to begin the process of applying for colleges and technical schools. The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is used by colleges to develop each student's financial aid package.

The FAFSA for the 2023–24 school year opened October 1, 2022. Seniors are encouraged to take advantage of this process and to get their forms in early to help maximize the offers they receive.

For additional information, please visit the MPS College and Career Centers page at <https://mps.milwaukee.k12.wi.us/en/Programs/College-and-Career-Centers.htm>.

## MPS Athletics



MPS Athletics promotes the philosophy that an athlete's core responsibilities involve the pursuit of personal growth through academic work and team experiences. We recognize that athletic programming is an extension of academic and practical instruction. Athletic participation promotes healthy competition, sportsmanship, and leadership and contributes to school and community pride.

Goals of the Athletic Department are to

- promote academic excellence in classrooms;
- ensure a safe and secure environment for practice and competitions;

- provide opportunities for student–athletes to develop confidence, self-image, and leadership skills;
- encourage coaches to be leaders, role models, and persons of character;
- promote value and importance of teamwork, good sportsmanship, and fair play;
- ensure that all participants adhere to MPS and Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association rules and policies.

Upcoming winter sports include basketball, swimming, and wrestling. Registration, schedules, and tickets may be accessed at <https://mps.milwaukee.k12.wi.us/en/Programs/Athletics.htm>.

## **Dr. Jill Biden, First Lady of the United States, Visits Westside Academy**



Westside Academy was excited to host its first “Homework Diner” since becoming a community school in 2018. Although this is Westside Academy’s first Homework Diner, other community schools in the district, such as Auer Avenue and Hopkins Lloyd, are no stranger to this family event. Homework Dinners will also take place monthly at H. W. Longfellow School.

The Homework Diner is designed to strengthen the partnership between families and educators in a student’s life by providing a relaxing opportunity during a meal to discuss student achievements and progress in school.

To commemorate its first Homework Diner, Westside Academy welcomed special guest Dr. Jill Biden. During Dr. Biden’s visit, students, families, and educators were able to engage with Dr. Biden as she visited with families during homework help. Westside Academy is looking forward to increasing participation as a way to improve school culture and academic outcomes.