

Safe Haven Update

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**MILWAUKEE
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FIVE PRIORITIES FOR SUCCESS

Improve District and School Culture

Ensure Fiscal Responsibility and Transparency



Increase Academic Achievement and Accountability

Develop Our Staff

Strengthen Communication and Collaboration



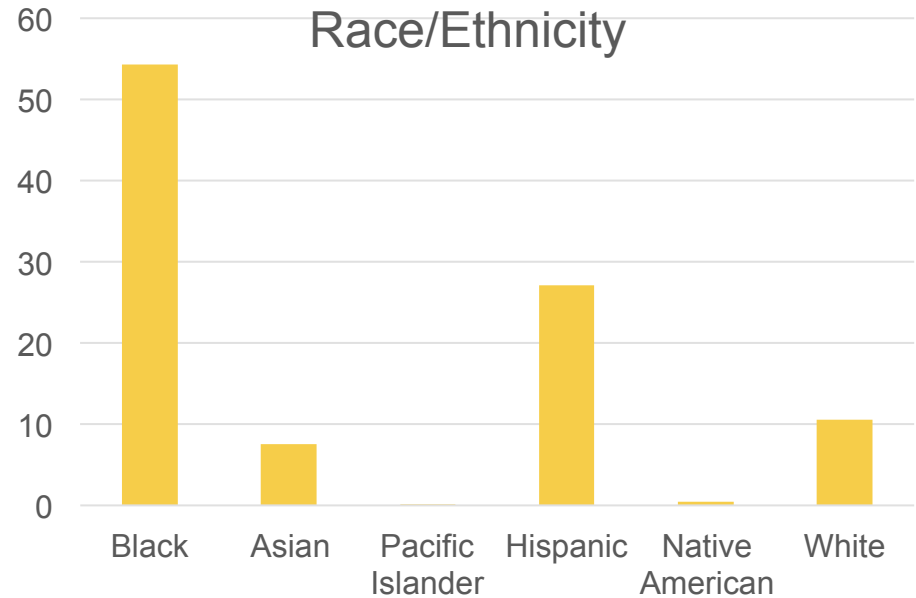
Diversity is Our Greatest Strength

MPS Demographics

- 74,882 Students*
- 161 Schools
- 12.0% English Language Learners
- 20.6% Special Education
- 85.8% Economically Disadvantaged**

*May Third Friday count per Dashboard Data

**MPS is a *Community Eligibility Provision* district. Since all students receive free lunch, alternate income forms are submitted throughout the school year and this number subsequently increases.



Safe Haven Resolution

- After listening to compelling testimony from students, families and community, on fear of ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement) activity in schools the school board unanimously adopted the resolution in April 2017.
- The Safe Haven resolution designates all MPS sites as a Safe Haven for learning and support and outlines steps the district will take to safeguard students and families information.



Legal Precedent & School Procedures

- Sensitive locations
- Superintendent's designee
- School procedures
- Plyler vs Doe
- Following the family educational rights and privacy act (FERPA)
- Record keeping practices and policies
- Rights & responsibilities handbook



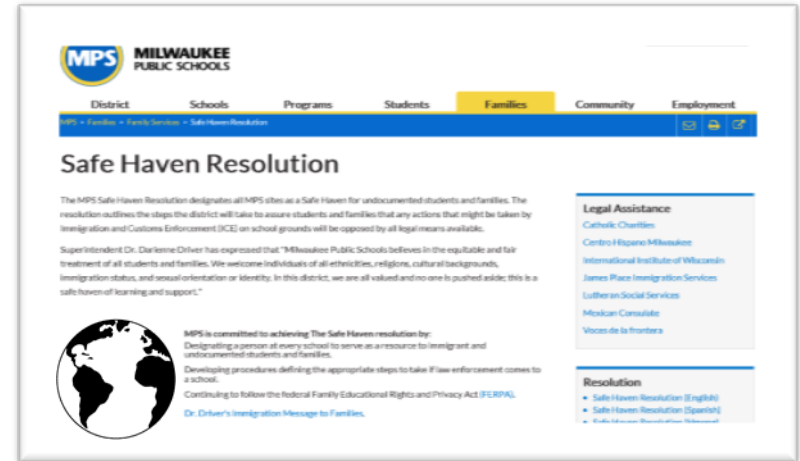
District Immigration Advisory Group



- Participants:
 - Refugee resettlement agencies
 - Before/after school providers
 - Advocacy organizations
 - MPS departments
- Focus:
 - Updates related to district and city efforts to support students & families
 - Ongoing collaboration opportunities & resource sharing

Resources & Information

- MPS Web page
- Parent coordinators
- English language learner teacher leader
- Community engagement associate
- Translated resolution



The screenshot shows the Milwaukee Public Schools (MPS) website. The header includes the MPS logo and navigation tabs for District, Schools, Programs, Students, Families (highlighted), Community, and Employment. The main content area is titled "Safe Haven Resolution" and contains the following text:

The MPS Safe Haven Resolution designates all MPS sites as a Safe Haven for undocumented students and families. The resolution outlines the steps the district will take to assure students and families that any actions that might be taken by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) on school grounds will be opposed by all legal means available.

Superintendent Dr. Darlene Driver has expressed that "Milwaukee Public Schools believes in the equitable and fair treatment of all students and families. We welcome individuals of all ethnicities, religions, cultural backgrounds, immigration status, and sexual orientation or identity. In this district, we see all valued and no one is pushed aside; this is a safe haven of learning and support."

MPS is committed to achieving The Safe Haven resolution by:

- Designating a person at every school to serve as a resource to immigrant and undocumented students and families.
- Developing procedures defining the appropriate steps to take if law enforcement comes to a school.
- Continuing to follow the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).

Dr. Driver's Immigration Message to Families.

On the right side of the page, there are two sections:

- Legal Assistance:**
 - Catholic Charities
 - Centro Hispano Milwaukee
 - International Institute of Wisconsin
 - James Place Immigration Services
 - Lutheran Social Services
 - Mexican Consulate
 - Voces de la frontera
- Resolution:**
 - Safe Haven Resolution (English)
 - Safe Haven Resolution (Spanish)
 - Safe Haven Resolution (Other Languages)

<http://tinyurl.com/safehavenresolution>



Communication Channels



- Professional development for principals, school secretaries, parent coordinators and school support teachers
- Thursday Updates
- Partnership with community organizations
- Mexican consulate
- Superintendent and Board member communication to families

Thank You

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