



REPORT TO THE MILWAUKEE BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS: OCTOBER 2024

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 September 15, 2024, and October 19, 2024, Accountability and Efficiency Services completed six constituent inquiries and satisfied two impartial hearing officer (IHO) requests.

The OAE also provided guidance via templates to the Office of Communications and School Performance, Research, Assessment and Data, used to modify the School Improvement Plan (SIP) document district-wide for the current academic year (2024-2025).

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 period, the CCS team focused on enhancing the Historically Underutilized Business (HUB), Communities in Need (COIN), and Student Engagement programs. Highlights include:

- CCS staff attended the American Contract Compliance Association's National Training Institute (NTI), where one team member earned the Master Compliance Administrator certification after completing 84 CEUs. The training provided valuable insights into Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in contracting, HUB compliance best practices, and industry trends.
- On October 2nd and 9th, CCS participated in career fairs at Ronald Reagan College Preparatory High School and MPS Skilled Trade and Technical Career Fair, engaging with students and promoting our internship opportunities.

CCS continues to build partnerships with internal departments and sponsors to expand these efforts. We remain dedicated to supporting the District's implementation of Administrative Policies 3.10 and 3.13, reinforcing our commitment to compliance and student engagement.

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 of September 14, 2024, through October 16, 2024, include:

Audit Completions and Activities

- Corrective Action Plan Updates: Updated Board Rule sent to City Attorney for their review in August 2024 and awaiting their input

- Issued two school audits
- Currently five new principal school audits underway
- Issued Accounts Payable Audit
- Issued three Special Investigative reports
- Reviewed one charter school external auditor's report
- Developed Expulsion Audit presentation to be presented at October 2024 AFP meeting
- Conducting several ongoing investigations resulting from Fraud Hotline tips
- Provided analysis to Procurement Department on contract invoicing matter
- Chief Auditor, a member of the Association of Local Government Auditors (ALGA) Peer Review Committee (PRC) attended the Fall 2024 ALGA PRC meeting