

Superintendent's Report –June 2021

The Superintendent's Report is designed to provide the Milwaukee Board of School Directors and the MPS community with an update on current activities underway 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.



MPS Celebrates Graduation Week

Congratulations, MPS graduates! The first week of June was a special one for the MPS family as we held in-person graduation ceremonies for all MPS high schools! We are especially proud of our students this year after persevering through the pandemic, engaging in virtual learning, and developing new ways to study, learn, and be successful.

Graduations took place June 1–4, 2021, at North Division High School and the UWM Panther Arena.



MPS Celebrates Valedictorians and Salutatorians



It is especially fitting that we recognize our MPS valedictorians and salutatorians for the 2020-2021 school year. Congratulations to all MPS valedictorians and salutatorians! We are especially proud of the young women and men who have excelled and attained the highest grades in their class.

MPS Class of 2021 Valedictorians and Salutatorians

School	Valedictorian	Salutatorian
The Alliance School	Anessia L. Johnson	Shaniya C. Threat
Assata High School	Brandy Mays	Tyesha Craft
Audubon High School	Anya Ramos	Brady Bourassa Christopher L. Douangmala
Banner Prep	Jamaya Chamberlain	Jaela Horton
Bay View High School	Abdifatah Abdi	Israel Urena
Bradley Tech and Trade High School	Jonillia D. Davis An Le	Dwight Turner
Carmen High School–Northwest	Berlin Wells Brennon Wells	Zarea Sims
Carmen High School–South	Alexandra Moreno Romero	Arlet Nicolas
Carmen High School–Southeast	Daniel Ortega Moran	Zurisidai Santos Mora
Grandview High School	Crystal Torres	Anna Ramirez
Groppi High School	Brandon C. Leach, Jr.	Norma G. Hernandez

Hamilton High School	Van Hnin Thang	Shanley Lance
Rufus King High School	Israel Akinsanya Egan C. Bedwell Catherine G. Carroll Rebecca Gilpatric Leeana Goodmon Courtney Griffin Kongmeng Her Madelyn Isham Annabelle E. Jurena Bennett T. Lasalle Chloe L. Miller Skylar Morgan Meng Moua Butoyi Odetta Eli Pierce-Haig Aine Plunkett Kyla N. Racks Fardowso M. Shidad Georgia L. Simmerman Lucy E. Sloan-Spice Liam Sullivan-Konyn Margaret Thompson Riley D. Young	
Lad Lake Synergy	Brooklyn Jones	Desirae Thompson
MacDowell Montessori School	Raelene V. Ripani	Lanaisa Smith
Madison Academic Campus	Trinay M. Austin	Cha Xiong
Golda Meir High School	Lisa R. Estes Gabrielle A. Gooding Jasmine Lutz Ava Tijerina	_
Milwaukee High School of the Arts	Donae Ayers Lei-Le I. Christenson Shoshana G. Rubin	Mikaela Bowers Casmir A. Byrne
Milwaukee School of Languages	Eve E. Buda Samuel W. Gende Emma D. Sachs	Catherine E. Fink
Milwaukee Marshall High School	Tyra Wilson	Kavina M. Spinks

North Division High School	Diamond M. Dickerson	Shekinah Boatman
Nova High School	Valpie Burnett	Nychea Williams-Lewis
Obama SCTE	Nevaeh Jeanes	Lindseyonna Ferguson
Project Stay High School	Cariyae Gray	Julia Butler
Pulaski High School	Antonio M. Alcala	Christian A. Kasiske
Reagan College Prep High School	Ava E. Gessner Lily Haasl Samantha Hantsche Grace G. Lelinski Alondra I. Perez Rivera Mailyn Santibanez Tanon Raymond J. Scherer Elizabeth J. Simon Cynthia Soto-Chavez Veronica E. Waszak Lydia Zajichek	
Riverside University High School	Ger Lor Joshua Wilder	_
South Division High School	Hesh Meh	Ashley Lopez
Transition High School	Aliyah I. Ontiveros	Rodolpho Carmen
Vincent High School	Carmen N. Bledsoe	Zkoria J. Randall
Washington High School of IT	Analise D. Moye	Cheviona T. Jones
Wisc. Conserv. of Lifelong Learning	Kelandre Halsell	Makayla Davis

MPS Seniors Choose Historically Black Colleges and Universities



MPS Class of 2021 graduates will spread out across the country this year to attend Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs). Students selected HBCUs for a number of reasons including strong academics, majors and programs, historic campuses, and the culture and climate of schools. Thousands of dollars in scholarships are helping students realize their career dreams.

Below is a sampling of MPS graduates who have selected HBCUs. Good luck in college and beyond!

- John Battles, Milwaukee School of Languages University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff
- Sophia Brooks, Golda Meir High School Howard University
- Kashari Christopher-Rhymes, James Madison Academic Campus Central State University
- Amari Cole, Milwaukee School of Languages Tennessee State University
- Jakirra Collins, Milwaukee School of Languages Howard University
- Ja'Khia Dismukes, Ronald Reagan IB High School Howard University
- Dominic Gaines, Bay View High School Shaw University
- Ikeria Green, Bay View High School Clark Atlanta University
- Briahjanay Griffin, James Madison Academic Campus Jackson State
- Amarea Howard, Vincent High School Alabama State University
- Nevaeh Jeanes, Barack Obama High School Tougaloo College
- Anessia Johnson, Alliance School Fisk University
- Brandon Leach Jr., Groppi High School Grambling State University
- Kaili Marshall, Milwaukee School of Languages Prairie View A&M University
- Taira McClellan, Vincent High School Central State University
- Zkoria Randall, Vincent High School Jackson State University
- Bianca Sampson, Milwaukee School of Languages Jackson State University
- Daijane Smith, Bradley Technology and Trade High School Tennessee State University
- Camesha Williams, James Madison Academic Campus Jackson State University

MHSA Jazz Ensemble Honored by DownBeat Magazine for Seventh Time

Milwaukee High School of the Arts is celebrating after its Vocal Jazz Ensemble has been recognized in DownBeat Magazine's 44th national Student Music Awards competition. The ensemble is made up of the most advanced students enrolled in the vocal music program at MHSA. The group was honored with two awards: Outstanding Performance—Large Vocal Jazz Group from performing arts high schools and Outstanding Performance—Latin Group from performing arts high schools.

Congratulations to Raymond Roberts and all the students in the Vocal Jazz Ensemble: TyRel Belin, Nadia Fortunato, Thavon Her, Kevon Knight, Jeffrey Pastor, Jasmine Rivera, Lariyah Roberson, Shoshana



Rubin, Imani Smith, Justin Turner, Joshua Villanueva, Micah Wheeler, Kimberly Zapot-Ponce, Roberto Antunez-Perez (guitar), and Landon Harmon (drums).

MPS Continue to Promote Vaccinations

The district continues to promote vaccines to our students, families and staff. All Wisconsin residents age 12 and older are eligible for the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine. MPS vaccination sites are closed as of June 11, but vaccines are widely available. Visit the Milwaukee Health Department COVID-19 Vaccine page for more information. Vaccines are free! Health insurance and identification are not needed. Individuals can also call the hotline at (414) 286-6800 for questions, to schedule an appointment or home visit, or to speak with a nurse.

MPS Will Offer Summer Meals at Schools, Plus Deliver to Three ZIP Codes

Milwaukee families will have two options this summer to receive free meals from Milwaukee Public Schools. Read below to find a program near you. All Milwaukee children age 18 and under are

delivery program.



MPS is taking meals on the road! This summer, to support Milwaukee families, MPS will deliver meal bundles with breakfast and lunch items to selected neighborhoods in July and August. If you live in the 53205, 53206, or 53233 ZIP codes, join the MPS Summer Meal Delivery Program. Deliveries will be made three times per week at MPS bus stops and some individual homes.

eligible. In addition, adults are also eligible for the meal

Families who live outside the delivery regions can receive meals from the MPS Summer Food Service

Program by picking up meals at specific MPS schools. Pre-orders are required. Meals can be picked up Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. beginning June 21, 2021

Participating Schools—Summer Food Service Program

Bethune – 1535 N. 35th St.

Browning - 5440 N. 64th St.

Congress – 5225 W. Lincoln Creek Dr.

Cooper – 5143 S. 21st St.

Engleburg – 5100 N. 91st St.

Fifty-Third Street – 3618 N. 53rd St.

La Escuela Fratney – 3255 N. Fratney St.

Fernwood Montessori – 3239 S. Pennsylvania Ave.

Milwaukee Academy of Chinese Language – 2430 W. Wisconsin Ave.

North Division – 1011 W. Center St.

Rogers Street Academy – 2430 W. Rogers St.

Vieau - 823 S. 4th St.

Vincent – 7501 N. Granville Rd.

Wedgewood Park – 6506 W. Warnimont Ave.

Zablocki – 1016 W. Oklahoma Ave.

Join Our Team--MPS is Hiring Teachers and School Support Staff for Fall 2021



Become a member of the Milwaukee Public Schools family! MPS is hiring for Fall 2021. Do you want to make a difference in the lives of our students? MPS is seeking exceptional educators and support staff to join our team, along with building service workers and food service workers.

Two virtual employment events are scheduled to help job seekers explore careers and learn more about the district.

Teachers and Staff Recruitment Virtual Events

Wednesday, June 23, 2021, from 4:30 to 6:30 P.M. Saturday, June 26, 2021, from 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M

District personnel will share information on the hiring process, full-time and part-time openings, license requirements, and competitive pay and benefits. Residency in Milwaukee is not required.

MPS offers great benefits for full-time employees.

- Health insurance
- Dental insurance
- Life insurance
- Vision insurance
- Flexible health savings account
- Flexible dependent care savings account
- Generous vacation and sick leave
- Pension
- 403B participation (voluntary)
- Tuition Reimbursement

MPS is the largest school district in Wisconsin with about 5,000 teachers and an additional 5,000 full- and part-time staff. Many options for career advancement are available.

View open positions and read more about benefits on our website at mpsmke.com/careers.

Register for the job fair at mpsmke.com/jobfair

Teacher candidates must have a valid Wisconsin teaching license OR enrollment in a DPI-approved licensure program by August 1, 2021. For more information, call (414) 475-8224 or email 565@milwaukee.k12.wi.us.