



**MILWAUKEE
PUBLIC SCHOOLS**



Superintendent’s Report – July 2023

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.



Summer Graduation

Graduation is always a time for celebrating the accomplishments that one has achieved and for planning next steps in a lifelong journey. On Saturday, July 29, 2023, at 9:30 a.m., MPS will hold its summer graduation ceremony at Hamilton High School to recognize our summer graduates.

We are especially proud of our summer graduates for their perseverance and determination. These students did not let the need to earn or recover high school credit requirements deter them, and they rose to the challenge.

We wish these graduates well and encourage them to take advantage of the College and Career Centers over the summer to continue to pursue their college and career opportunities.



Summer Recreation



This summer, Milwaukee Recreation has provided activities for students in areas such as enrichment, archery, driver's education, Community Learning Centers, Safe Places, open playgrounds, Twilight Centers, Special Olympics, gymnastics, and martial arts. This extensive list of offerings has allowed more than 16,000 students to participate through the month of July.

Summer programs will continue into the month of August. For more information about the summer activities available, see the [MKE REC Summer Recreation Guide](#).

Summer Meals

MPS continues to support families with summer meals for children through the age of 17 by providing breakfast, lunch, and dinner at various meal sites across the district. Through the month of July, MPS has served more than 100,000 meals. We are excited to continue this meal service into August. View the [MPS 2023 Summer Food Service Program Sites](#).



Enrolling for Fall 2023



MPS still has seats available in all grades for the 2023–24 school year. The MPS Department of Student Services is ready to assist families with finding a school that's right for them. We have more than 150 schools with a combined offering of early childhood, ESL, Montessori, language immersion, bilingual, special education services, AP and IB courses, arts, and a host of various other programs.

Families can enroll online at mpsmke.com/enroll or in person at the MPS Central Services building (5225 W. Vliet Street) Mondays–Fridays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or at one of the Social Development Commission sites below on Mondays–Fridays from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. through August 31, 2023.

1730 W. North Avenue
Milwaukee, 53205

2968 S. Chase Avenue
Milwaukee, 53207

9155 N. 76th Street
Milwaukee, 53223

Preparing for 2023–24 School Year

In preparation of the upcoming school year, a number of institutes will take place to prepare staff for teaching and leading.

MPS will host its **New Educator Institute** July 31–August 4 for early start schools and August 21–25 for traditional start schools. During this institute, new teachers will be onboarded and walked through curricula, procedures, Department of Employment Relations services, expectations, Infinite Campus, supporting students with disabilities, standards and classroom management, equity, and Educator Effectiveness.

Teachers who have been with the district will attend the **Teacher Institute** August 9–11 for early start schools and August 29–31 for traditional start schools. During this institute, teachers will receive sessions on curricula, classroom management, standards, social-emotional learning, supporting students with disabilities, assessment, bilingual resources, teaching practices, intervention, and equity.

Principals will attend the **Principal Leadership Institute** July 31–August 2. During this institute, returning principals and those new to the district will engage in learning sessions that will help prepare them to start the school year. Some of the topics covered will include Educator Effectiveness, procedures, laws regarding the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, facilities, labor relations, technology, finance, equity, and district guidelines.

Freshman Bridge

MPS high schools will host Freshman Bridge for ninth-grade students on August 3 and 4 to help students prepare for a great freshman year. Students who attend Freshman Bridge will be better prepared for a successful year. Students attending can look forward to numerous activities and introductions:

- Locating their locker and classrooms
- Getting their student ID and touring the school
- Learning how high school works
- Meeting their teachers
- Obtaining information on after-school programs, clubs, and sports
- Learning tips, strategies, and do's and don'ts from upperclassmen
- Learning about credits and the importance of their GPA
- Visiting their school's College and Career Center



Recruitment

Do you want to make a difference in the lives of children? We are seeking talent for all areas in MPS—teachers, administrators, food service assistants, paraprofessionals, secretaries, CHAs, and building service helpers—to support our schools, students, and staff.



Our most recent and upcoming recruitment efforts are listed below. We ask every staff member, stakeholder, community member, parent, and student to share this information in the community and encourage individuals to apply.

MPS offers great benefits for full-time employees (30 hours or more per week):

- 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

View open positions, read more about benefits, and apply at mpsmke.com/careers.



District personnel are available at all events to share information about the hiring process, full-time and part-time openings, license requirements, and competitive pay and benefits. Residency in Milwaukee is not required.

Our next Central Services hiring event is August 16 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at 5225 West Vliet Street.

| 2023 Recruitment Event | Location | Date(s) |
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| Summerfest | Henry Maier Festival Park | June 22–24, June 29–July 1, July 6–8 |
| Goodwill Workforce Connection Center Job Fair | 6055 N. 91st St. | July 13 |
| Bastille Days | Cathedral Square Park | July 14 |
| Common Council City Clerk’s Office of Workforce Development Job Fair | Ross Innovative Employment Solutions, 7800 W. Brown Deer Rd. | July 20, August 24, August 31 |
| Education Week Virtual Career Fair for Teachers and K–12 Staff | Register today | July 27 |
| Washington Park Wednesdays | Washington Park | August 2 |
| Black Arts Fest MKE | Henry Maier Festival Park | August 5 |
| Mexican Fiesta | Henry Maier Festival Park | August 25–27 |