

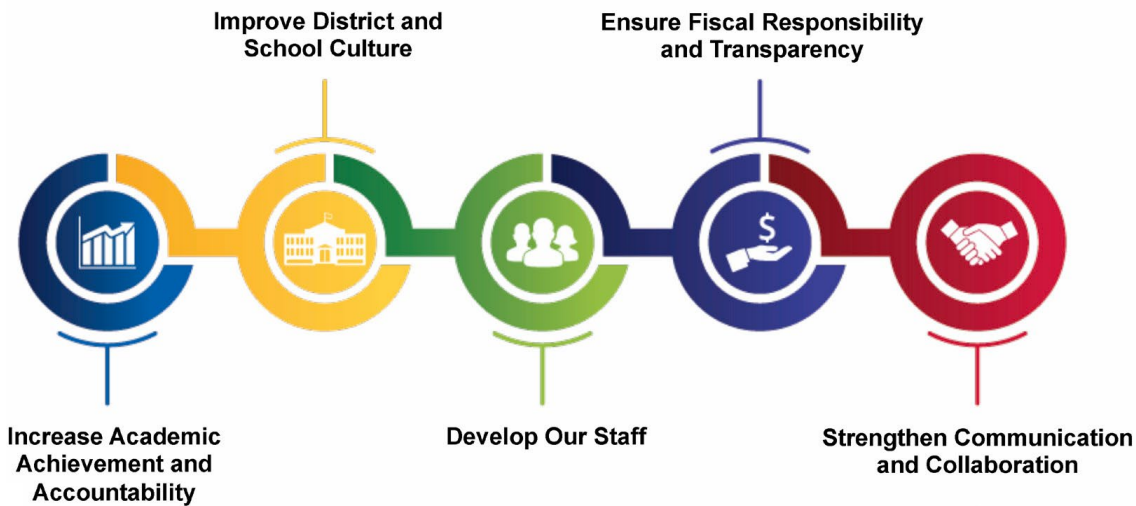


**MILWAUKEE
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Superintendent's Report – September

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.



SCHOOL VISITS

School visits remain a priority and serve as an excellent mechanism for gathering feedback to support district improvement efforts. This month, I had the opportunity to visit Vincent High School, Parkside School of the Arts, Siefert Elementary, Lee Learning Center, Project Stay, Milwaukee College Prep, Reagan, and Bradley Tech High School.

EVENTS/PROGRAMS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Run Back to School kick-starts the 2019-20 school year

MPS alumni, teachers, administrators, parents, students, and members of the community attended the 5K run/1.5-mile walk to support MPS' growth and kick off the new school year on August 24.

Proceeds from the event are used to support school-based athletic programs and youth recreation scholarships so all students have an opportunity to succeed in and out of the classroom.

Not only does the run bring together thousands of community members each year, it has a lasting impact



well into each school year. This year, 14 school community groups rallied teams with at least 20 participants, making them eligible for a \$500 grant to support a sport or wellness in their school. The eligible teams were: **Academy of Accelerated Learning, Burdick, Fernwood Montessori, Highland Community School, Longfellow, MacDowell Montessori, Milwaukee German Immersion, Morgandale, Washington, and Whittier.**

Day One for Traditional School Students

With the drumline from **Reagan High School** beating an energetic cadence, students at Parkside School of the Arts walked the red carpet to make their way into school for the start of the new year. Governor Tony Evers, Lt. Governor Mandela Barnes, State Superintendent Carolyn Stanford Taylor, Milwaukee Police Chief Alfonso Morales, MTEA President Amy Mizialko, the Milwaukee Board of School Directors, and others joined me to kicked off the new school year at **Parkside School of the Arts**. Students received cheers and high-fives as they returned to school, ready for a busy year of learning.



Stadium Ribbon-Cutting Ceremonies/Playfield Grand Reopening

Milwaukee Public Schools continues its commitment to improving athletic facilities for its students and surrounding community.

This month, the district officially reopened **Pulaski Stadium**, which received synthetic turf, new goal posts, new soccer goals, and a scoreboard thanks in part to \$250,000 in funding provided by the Green Bay Packers, the NFL Foundation, and Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) Milwaukee.

The newly renovated **Vincent Stadium** also reopened this month with synthetic turf, new seating, team rooms, a concession stand, restrooms, and an eight-lane track. These events follow upgrades made to Custer and South Stadiums in 2017.



In addition, the **Custer Playfield** held its grand reopening to unveil the playfield's newly-constructed basketball courts, age-appropriate play structures, and walking path as part of Recreation's multi-year effort to renovate 52 playfields across the city.

Last fall, Milwaukee Recreation began work to remodel and rebuild its recreation playfields by breaking ground at the first three sites to be transformed: Columbia, Custer, and Southgate. Columbia Playfield reopened in August. Custer is the second playfield to reopen.

Public Listening Sessions

For generations, Milwaukee Public Schools has been the educational home to millions of Milwaukee children and their families. Over the years, our graduates have gone on to achieve amazing success in a variety of fields.

The vision of Milwaukee Public Schools is to provide an equitable educational environment that is child-centered, supports achievement, and respects and embraces diversity. During September, the district conducted a community survey to gather input about important education topics from students, families, educators, staff, and all community members. The results of the district survey will be used to determine how we can strengthen our students' academic experiences and enrich opportunities for them.



A series of four feedback sessions designed for the community to provide feedback and help guide our efforts to ensure our vision becomes a reality were scheduled for September.

Wisconsin Conservatory of Lifelong Learning (1017 North 12th Street) on September 19, 2019

Reagan High School (4965 South 20th Street) on September 21, 2019

North Division High School (1011 West Center Street) on September 23, 2019

Vincent High School (7501 North Granville Road) on September 25, 2019

2019 MPS Combined Giving Campaign

Once again, the district is gearing up to participate in the Combined Giving Campaign. Thanks to the leadership efforts and generosity of employees in 2018, we raised more than \$188,000 for the Combined Giving Campaign! This effort provides health and human services to those in need from over 200 non-profit agencies throughout the Milwaukee area and the country. This year's campaign begins on October 14 and runs through November 15, 2019. Our fundraising goal is \$200,000 and I encourage everyone to contribute at any level.

