



REPORT TO THE MILWAUKEE BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS: FEBRUARY 2025

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 January 18, 2025, and February 15, 2025, Accountability and Efficiency Services completed two constituent inquiries, one information request, and satisfied two impartial hearing officer (IHO) requests.

The OAE worked in collaboration with the Office of Finance to produce a Five-Year Forecast presented to the Board on February 13, 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 2 was approved by the Board on January 30, 2025, 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)

This month, the CCS team focused on strengthening Student Engagement Programming. Eight student interns were successfully interviewed and hired for roles in counseling and student ambassador work in partnership with the Silver Spring Neighborhood Center and South Division High School. These positions provide valuable work-based learning opportunities.

We continue to foster partnerships within the District and with external sponsors to advance these initiatives. CCS remains steadfast in supporting the District's implementation of Administrative Policies 3.10 and 3.13, ensuring compliance and promoting 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 January 18, 2025, through February 14, 2025, include:

Audit Completions and Activities

- Corrective Action Plan updates: Updated Board Rule and Audit Committee Charter along with BG 2.12 and BG 1.18 and sent to City Attorney for their review and await their response.
- Issued two school audits and two charter school audits
- Scheduling one new principal school audit
- Issued one special investigative report
- Reviewed three charter school external auditor's reports
- Developed new board member orientation audit presentation and presented to a new board member

- Conducting several ongoing investigations resulting from Fraud Hotline Tips
- Recorded the 41st fraud hotline tip this fiscal year, which is on pace to set a record for fraud hotline complaints received
- Provided analysis and feedback to the Procurement Department on certain contract services matters
- Participated in Miami-Dade County Public Schools Audit Services Association of Local Government Auditors (ALGA) Peer Review Team and issued report
- Participated in the RFP evaluation committee for the selection of the district's external financial auditor covering FY25-FY27 completed and recommendation to be brought forward at upcoming AFP meeting