

REPORT TO THE MILWAUKEE BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS: MARCH 2020

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.

The Office of Accountability and Efficiency continues to make progress on a broad strategic planning process, which began in July 2019. As part of this process, during the reporting period OAE initiated the hiring process for an Analyst I position as approved by the Board in June 2019. The successful hiring and onboarding of this position will mark the final step in the implementation of the Board-approved structure. OAE anticipates bringing the recommended candidate for this position to the Board for approval in the April 2020 Board cycle. Also during the reporting period, OAE submitted its FY21 budget to the Office of Finance for inclusion in the Superintendent's Proposed Budget. The submitted budget represents the minimum staffing costs necessary to implement the Board's June 2019 action, with 97% of the budget supporting our employee's salaries and benefits. Additionally, the Office of Accountability and Efficiency continues to make progress on the development of the OAE Fiscal Year 2021 (FY21) Work Plan. The Plan, which will include work to be completed during FY21, anticipated outcomes, and means of assessment, will continue to be developed throughout the first quarter of 2020. OAE will transmit the Plan to the Board during the second quarter of 2020 to ensure work can begin on July 1, 2020.

Accountability and Efficiency Services

Between February 19, 2020 and March 13, 2020, Accountability and Efficiency Services fulfilled one information request, one independent hearing officer (IHO) assignment request, and three constituent inquiries.

Also during the reporting period, Accountability and Efficiency Services completed one special project: a review of the KT Daniels charter school contract as it relates to financial accountability.

Accountability and Efficiency Services also continued to support the District's implementation of Administrative Policies 3.09 and 6.35.

Contract Compliance Services

In partnership with the department of Career and Technical Education, Contract Compliance Services (CCS) hosted a combined job-readiness training on March 5, 2020 at the Milwaukee Area Technical College (MATC) downtown campus. The session prepared more than 140 MPS high school students for the district-wide job fair, which took place on March 11, 2020.

Additionally, CCS continued to meet with industry and community-based partners to advance the employment training road map for Administrative Policy 3.13- Communities in Need.

Contract Compliance Services also continued to support the District's implementation of Administrative Policies 3.10 and 3.13.