



REPORT TO THE MILWAUKEE BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS: SEPTEMBER 2024

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 August 17, 2024, and September 14, 2024, Accountability and Efficiency Services completed one constituent inquiry and one information request. The OAE also satisfied two impartial hearing officer (IHO) requests, and completed one special project.

During the reporting period, the OAE has focused most of its effort and attention to the Corrective Action Plan (CAP) under DPI. The CAP was approved by the Board on June 13, 2024 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)

During this reporting period, the CCS team focused on enhancing our Student Engagement Programming. Notably, two student interns were interviewed for positions in various industries, including administrative and moving services, both of which resulted in successful hires.

Looking ahead to the 2024-2025 school year, CCS aims to create additional work-based learning internships for high school students. Currently, we are collaborating with Pulaski, South Division, and Vincent High Schools. We will continue to provide updates as we engage with other interested schools.

CCS remains committed to fostering partnerships with internal departments and sponsors to expand these opportunities. Additionally, we continue to support the District's implementation of Administrative Policies 3.10 and 3.13, furthering our commitment to compliance and 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 August 18 through September 13, 2024, include:

Audit Completions and Activities

- **Corrective Action Plan Updates:** Outreach to Stakeholders on Audit Committee Membership continues with commitments from City of Milwaukee Mayor's Office, City of Milwaukee Comptroller's Office and Wisconsin Policy Forum. Updated Board Rule sent to City Attorney for review and awaiting their input.
- Conducting several ongoing investigations resulting from Fraud Hotline tips.
- Met with new Principals as part of New Principal Audits
- Presented Fraud Training to New Principals in conjunction with Department of Finance

- Updated Policies and Procedures in anticipation of Peer Review which will be scheduled in the Spring of 2025 by the Association of Local Government Auditors
- Performed Peer Review of City of Portland Audit Services