



# D/HH Task Force Update

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#### Five Priorities for Success



### **Background and Full Meetings**

- Resolution 2223R-018 passed in April 2023
- Meetings conducted:

   Initial meeting May 2023
   Regular meetings August 2023 through May 2024
- Leadership meetings on a biweekly basis

### **Two Goals/Phases**

#### Goal/Phase 1

- To survey key stakeholders (parents, students, staff, Deaf community)
- To conduct a thorough review of
  - Current state of the MPS D/HH program and of other programs around Wisconsin and the country
  - $_{\odot}\,$  Current Deaf education research

### Goal/Phase 2

• To develop recommendations for future programming



#### Obstacles

- Survey creation and distribution to all stakeholders outlined in the resolution has been challenging
  - $\circ$  Question selection
  - $\circ$  Formatting
  - $_{\odot}\,$  Considerations for messaging
- Participation has slowed over the past couple of months in particular

### **Early Outcomes**

- Phase 1 is nearly complete . . .
- Surveys
  - $_{\odot}$  Distributed on 5/28/24
    - Parents of current and former D/HH students (going back four years)
    - MPS teachers and interpreters
    - University staff
    - Speech and language pathologists
    - Paraprofessionals
    - Audiologists
    - Psychologists and social workers

### **Plan for Fall**

- Resuming full task force meetings in September
- Analysis of gathered research, program information, and survey results
- Shifting to Phase 2 and recommendations . . .

