



D/HH Task Force Update

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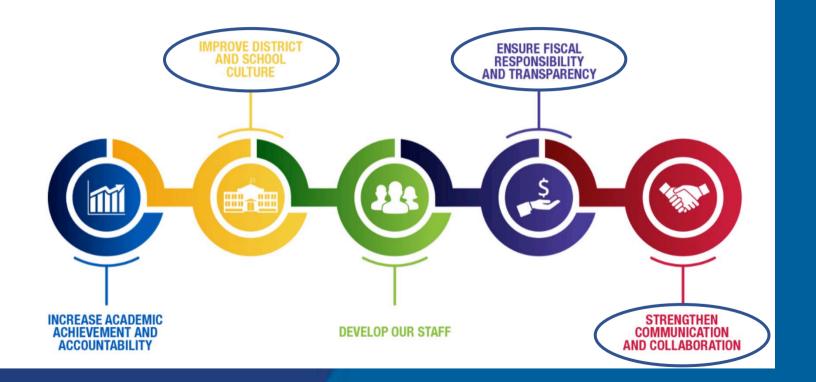
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Five Priorities for Success



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 . . .

