

# MONTHLY REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE MILWAUKEE BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

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Submitted by President Peterson

In an effort to support the goals identified by MPS as essential to the accomplishment of the MPS Vision and Mission, the President's activities from January and February 2023 included the following:

## ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

- Attended the monthly meetings of the Board and its committees
- Met twice with Social Studies teachers and administration to discuss high school graduation requirements in Social Studies.
- Met with social studies leaders to discuss status of critiques of social studies text books
- Met with Dr. Posley and DPI Superintendent Jill Underly
- Met with social studies leader and consultant regarding status of Inclusive Perspective Social Studies Committee
- Attended ribbon cutting at Gaenslen library and enjoyed speaking with staff
- January 27 met with Jennie Ektstein, social studies specialist
- Met with Climate Justice Instructional Coach and Sustainability Manager
- Attended the Wisconsin State Reading Association convention
- Joined a webinar on ecopsychology - an interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary field that focuses on the synthesis of ecology and psychology and the promotion of sustainability.

## EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT OPERATIONS

- Toured MPS production kitchens with School nutrition workers
- Went on a walk through of a building near Rufus King High School with facilities personnel
- Attended the kindergarten enrollment fair.
- Visited La Escuela Fratney for a tour of three-year old learning environments

## STUDENT, FAMILY, AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- Worked with Director Garcia on an upcoming resolution and worked with Director Leonard to create the board resolution "Early Years Success Center."
- Supported the work of Board resolution 2223R-012 on Student Voter Education & Registration
  - Met with Administrators to discuss implementation
  - Met with community members
  - Attended a follow up meeting on Voter ID
- Attended national meetings of the Educator Climate Action Network to share the work of MPS and to learn from other districts about climate justice, also attended several other meetings of the Network
- Met with members of Common Ground to discuss their tutoring program
- Mett with Governor Evers regarding budget and other matters

- Joined Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. day festivities including the breakfast and the Speech, Writing, and Art Contest celebration
- Attended the Wisconsin Association of School Boards' state conference
- Received an update on the Reagan renovation in a meeting with the Superintendent, Sean Kane, and Director O'Halloran
- Responded to emails and phone call inquiries, questions and concerns from parents, students, staff and community.