



REPORT TO THE MILWAUKEE BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS: JANUARY 2021

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. Each month, the OAE monthly report will provide a highlight of one area of the OAE Work Plan and Work Plan progress from the previous month.

Work Plan Highlight: Five-Year Financial Forecast

In accordance with the Board's June 2013 action, the Office of Accountability and Efficiency works with the Office of Finance to project the District's revenues and expenditures over the next five years. Assumptions are calculated based on actuals, trends, economic indicators, and regional and local economics. Each year the current five-year forecast is presented to the Milwaukee Board of School Directors to assist with the upcoming budget process.

This year's five-year financial forecast was completed during the reporting period, with presentation to the Board taking place at the January meeting of the Committee on Strategic Planning and Budget.

Accountability and Efficiency Services

Between December 8, 2020 and January 18, 2021, Accountability and Efficiency Services fulfilled three requests for information/research, two requests for data analysis/visualization, and one constituent inquiry. Additionally, Accountability and Efficiency Services completed eight special projects.

Also during the reporting period, Accountability and Efficiency Services worked to increase capacity in the area of data visualization by improving internal map standards. These improved standards are based on best practices in map design principles and include consideration of units of geography, geographic coordinate systems, data classification systems, data symbolization, visual hierarchy, map types, confidentiality, and color theory. The new standards will increase the OAE's capacity to deliver high-quality, geographic data visualizations.

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

Contract Compliance Services

This month, Contract Compliance Services presented its quarterly compliance performance report to the Board's Committee on Accountability, Finance, and Personnel. Highlights included:

- the impact of COVID-19 on compliance monitoring and contract utilization affecting Fiscal Year 2019-20 reconciliation efforts to date;
- the expectation that Fiscal Year 2020-21 compliance monitoring will exceed prior fiscal year monitoring in required dollars assigned for HUB and required hours assigned for the Student Engagement Program;
- recommendations from Mission Aligned Partners (MAPs) during the pandemic to increase project-based training through COIN for high school students;
- enhanced intergovernmental workgroup relationships; and
- participation in work surrounding Resolution 2021R-008, Contractor Code of Conduct.

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