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ESSER III Final Summary

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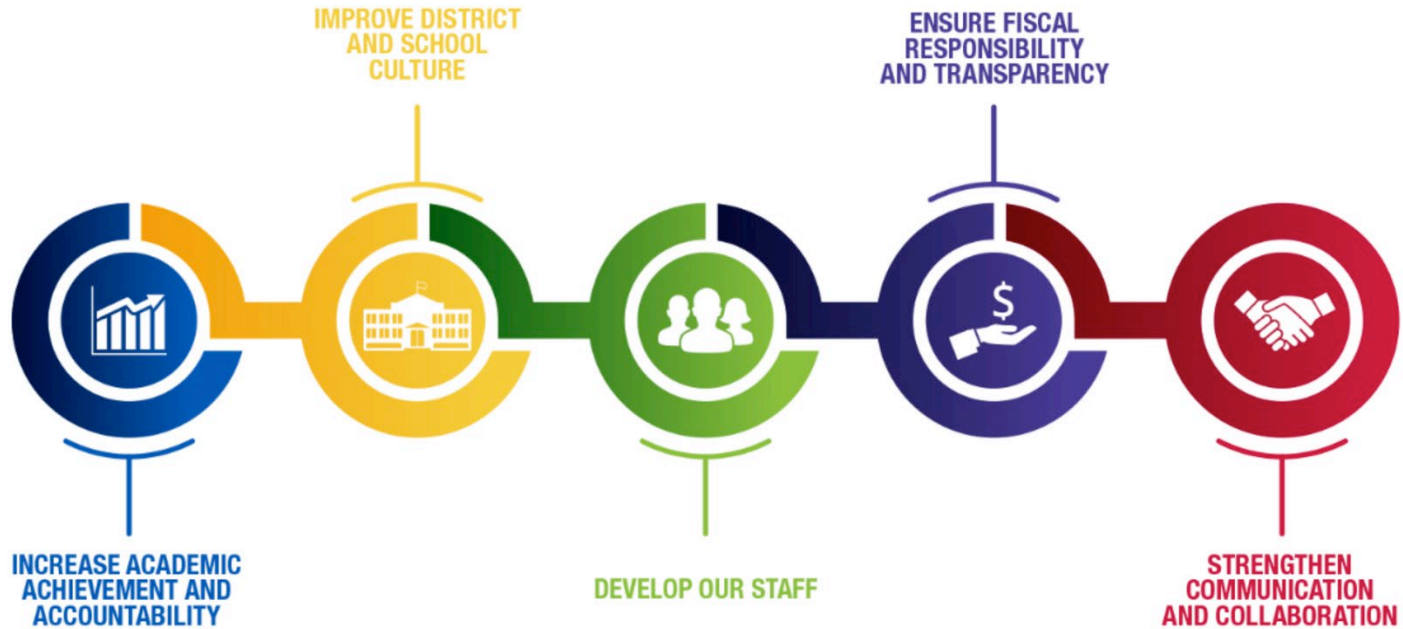
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Five Priorities for Success



Accelerating Learning

Academic Support & College Readiness

- 152 students earned 1,837 college credits through M3 College Connection programs.
- 286 students participated in HBCU College Tours.
- 820 students enrolled in 46 UWM and MATC dual enrollment courses.
- 1,814 courses were taken by students in the MPS Virtual Program.
- 4,332 students attended summer and after-school programs, earning 1,700 High School credits.

Accelerating Learning

Student Achievement & Program Expansion:

- 26% increase in the Personal Finance pass rate from SY 2021-2022 to 2023-2024.
- 3,602 students participated in school vendor-led tutoring (over double from 2022-2023).
- Students enrolled in STEM, Career & Tech Ed, and Project Lead the Way courses.
- 545 students in internship/apprenticeship programs (a 57% increase over 2021-2022).

Accelerating Learning

Early Learning & Curriculum Support:

- K3 - 2nd grade students improved math skills through the “Counting Collections” program, with significant growth.
- Supported reading skills through ACT 20 training for teachers.
- Students learned about Climate Change through the science curriculum.
- New curriculums introduced in math, science, social studies, and writing.

Accelerating Learning

Family Engagement & Teacher Development:

- 35,000 PreK - 8th grade students and families received family engagement kits for literacy, math, and social-emotional development.
- Funded the New Educator Institute, serving 240 new teachers and paraprofessionals.
- Offered programs to improve language arts, math, STEM, and school climate in Community Schools.
- Supported health services for students and families, including a new health clinic at South Division.

Health and Wellness

Mental Health Support & Services:

- Implemented RFP for broader mental health services across the district, via teletherapy, that was utilized by more than 60 schools.
- Expanded the School Community Partnership for Mental Health (SCPMH) by 50%, to 38 schools.
- Provided training for school psychologists and social workers in evidence-based interventions for trauma. Such interventions have already been used with students in over 1,000 instances.

Health and Wellness

Mental Health Support & Services:

- Provided mental health support during summer Community Learning Center (CLC) programming over the last three summers.
- Delivered professional development for mental health support staff on crisis management and advanced trauma training for schools.
- Increased Success Center funding to serve more students and extend services into summer, and continued scaling up Success Center programming focusing on students enrolled in grades 4 through 12.

Health and Wellness

Physical Health Initiatives:

- Implemented community exercise stations and traffic gardens for K-5 and K-8 playgrounds.
- Renovated fitness rooms for high schools.
- Provided AED equipment, asthma spacers, and vision screening supplies for schools.
- Supported school nutrition operations.
- Funded unique school needs through \$100,000 per school.

Health and Wellness

Social Emotional Learning (SEL) Support:

- Contracted 23 different vendors for school SEL programming.
- Provided professional development and supplies for SEL.
- Extended Second Step curriculum for K-5 students.
- Strengthened the Department of Black and Latino Male Achievement by hiring two additional coordinators.
- Established the Department of Gender and Identity Inclusion.
- Strengthened Restorative Practices through professional development and family engagement opportunities, expanding access to toolkits and enhancing restorative practices circle spaces for students.

Facilities

Facility Renovations and New Construction:

- Completed major construction at Reagan High School, Milwaukee High School of the Arts, Greenfield School, and Fairview School.
- Constructed new barn at Vincent High School and Nutrition Services Center at King Middle School.
- Performed renovations, including ceiling, lighting, and window replacements at various schools.
- Replaced fire alarm systems for hearing-impaired students.
- Improved the aesthetics of lockers, corridors and classrooms
- Built a synthetic turf soccer field and pedestrian mall at Rogers Street Academy.
- Schools received \$100K allotments for facility improvements.

Technology

Technology & Learning Tools:

- Refreshed Chromebooks for all schools, removing obsolete devices.
- Delivered 80,000+ headsets and other accessories.
- Installed Interactive Flat Panels and 5,000 document cameras.
- Set up 4,250 desktops for upcoming Windows 11 requirements.
- Completed installation and programming of interior digital signage and exterior marquee signage at all MPS schools.
- Purchased eSports equipment for 16 high schools and 1 middle school.



Extracurricular Engagement

Extracurricular & Enrichment Support:

- Provided overnight camping trips across Wisconsin for 706 students.
- Offered free sports physicals to 1,587 student athletes and driver's education to 3,606 students.
- Upgraded multiple athletic facilities including fieldhouses, pools, tennis courts, gym floors and gym amenities, and synthetic turf fields.
- Expanded summer, after-school, and Saturday programming.





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