



# **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

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# OVERVIEW

1. MPS Foundation Update
2. Mission & Focus Areas
3. Partnerships & Programs
4. Thank You







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# MISSION

The mission of the MPS Foundation is to inspire and motivate the community, including philanthropic partners, businesses, families, and former and current staff and students in support of Milwaukee Public Schools and the academic achievement of its students.







SCHOLARSHIPS  
**\$150k+**  
 PROVIDED TO 32 STUDENTS  
 ACROSS 13 HIGH SCHOOLS  
 81% FIRST-GENERATION STUDENTS  
 AND 87% STUDENTS OF COLOR



**2023**  
 IMPACT REPORT  
 BY THE NUMBERS

MPS FOUNDATION'S

**CLAS\$ROOM**  
*Support Fund*

**\$50,000**  
 PROVIDED TO TEACHERS FOR THEIR CLASSROOMS  
 26 SCHOOLS



UNSIL AND WORLD FAIR

**2,339**

STUDENTS PARTICIPATING

IMPLEMENTED AT 16 OF THE MOST DIVERSE  
 SCHOOLS IN WISCONSIN WHERE 35 DIFFERENT  
 LANGUAGES ARE SPOKEN

WE SENT

**24,108**



STUDENTS  
 ON LEARNING  
 JOURNEYS

500+ STUDENTS TO WASHINGTON D.C.



NEW PLAYGROUNDS VIA LET US PLAY

**2,800**

STUDENTS DIRECTLY BENEFIT EVERY DAY

ANNUALLY, 5 SCHOOLS PARTNER WITH US, REFLO, THE CITY OF MILWAUKEE,  
 AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS TO COLLABORATIVELY REPLACE ASPHALT  
 COVERED SCHOOLYARDS WITH GREENER, HEALTHIER SPACES.

**STEM FAIR** FUNDED THE LARGEST  
 MPS STEM FAIR EVER!

**645 STUDENTS**  
 FROM 54 MPS  
 SCHOOLS

• 3X AS MANY ENGINEERING PROJECTS AS LAST YEAR  
 • 10% GROWTH IN FEMALE STUDENTS PARTICIPATING

# FOCUS AREAS

- College & Career Connections
- High-Impact Programs & Practices
- Quality Learning Environment
- Academic and Teaching Excellence







# 2024 IMPACT REPORT BY THE NUMBERS



**UNFIL AND WORLD FAIR**  
**2,400**  
STUDENTS PARTICIPATED  
IMPLEMENTED AT 17 OF THE MOST DIVERSE SCHOOLS  
IN WI WHERE 35 DIFFERENT LANGUAGES ARE SPOKEN



**\$115k+**  
IN SCHOLARSHIPS  
AWARDED TO 27 STUDENTS  
ACROSS 12 HIGH SCHOOLS  
75% FIRST-GENERATION STUDENTS  
AND 96% STUDENTS OF COLOR,  
INCLUDING IMMIGRANT AND  
REFUGEE FAMILIES

MPS FOUNDATION'S

**CLAS\$ROOM**  
*Support Fund*

**\$50,000**  
ALLOCATED TO TEACHERS FOR THEIR CLASSROOMS  
PROVIDED ACCESS FOR  
**26 SCHOOLS**  
(14 UTILIZED THE RESOURCES)

Let Us  
**PLAY**

NEW PLAYGROUNDS  
VIA LET US PLAY

**2,800**  
STUDENTS DIRECTLY BENEFIT EVERY DAY



**STEM FAIR**

632 STUDENTS PARTICIPATED  
49 SCHOOLS PARTICIPATED  
282 PROJECTS REGISTERED

WE SENT  
**20,892**  
STUDENTS ON LEARNING JOURNEYS  
400 FROM 9 MPS HIGH SCHOOLS STUDENTS THAT WENT TO D.C.




# FOCUS AREAS

- a. College & Career Connections
- b. High-Impact Programs & Practices
- c. Quality Learning Environment
- d. Academic and Teaching Excellence





# PARTNERSHIPS & PROGRAMS 2024





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# PROGRAMS & PARTNERSHIPS 2024





# FEATURED PARTNERSHIP

## Let Us Play / Greener Healthier School Yard Initiative

- Collaboration between the MPS Foundation, Milwaukee Public Schools, Milwaukee Recreation, and the Green Schools Consortium of Milwaukee led by ReFlo.
- Transforms outdated & deteriorating outdoor schoolyards into dynamic and functional green spaces for MPS students and neighborhood residents.
- Increases access to high-quality shared public spaces that improve quality of life and educational outcomes.
- Approximately 3,000 students benefit every day
- **14,000 +** students benefit annually
- **21,000 +** community members
- **31** playgrounds completed with a total of **41** schools in the program





# THANK YOU!



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