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D/HH Task Force Update

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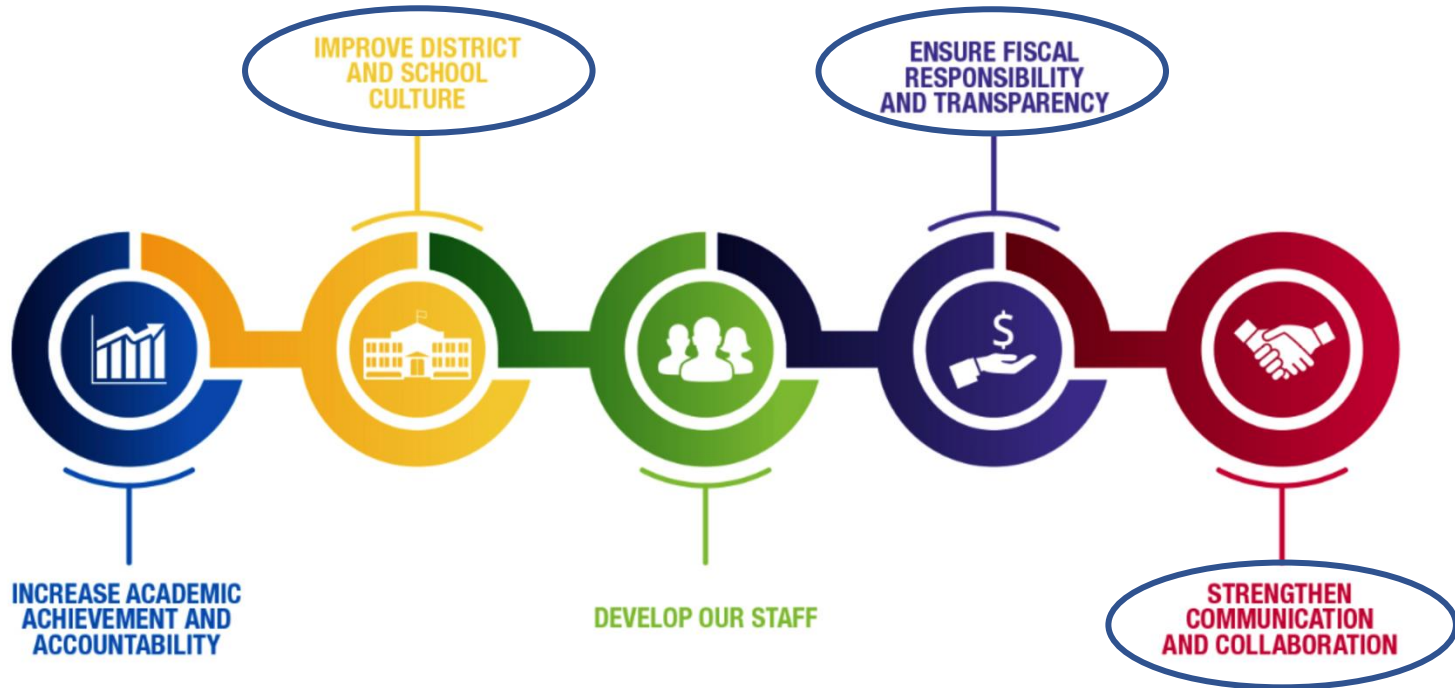
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Five Priorities for Success



Background and Full Meetings

- Resolution 2223R-018 passed in April 2023
- Meetings conducted:
 - May 2023
 - August 2023
 - October 2023
 - November 2023
 - December 2023
 - January 2024
 - February 2024
- Leadership meetings on a biweekly basis

Two Goals/Phases

Goal/Phase 1

- To survey key stakeholders (parents, students, staff, Deaf community) on:
 - Strengths and weakness of the current program design
 - The efficiency of current program locations
- To conduct a thorough review of:
 - Current state of the MPS D/HH program and of other programs around Wisconsin and the country
 - Current Deaf education research

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Goal/Phase 2

- To develop recommendations for future programming:
 - Consider locations changes
 - Consider staffing needs and qualifications
 - Consider financial impact
 - Review assessment and placement process

Subcommittees

Currently working in Phase 1 – there are three subcommittees:

- **Research committee – local**
 - Programming in MPS and Wisconsin
- **Research committee – national**
 - Evidence-based research
 - Other large urban districts
- **Survey stakeholders committee**
 - Following the guidelines of the resolution and collaborating with MPS Research, Assessment, and Data

Early Outcomes

- Research:
 - Much of it has indicated that “more research is required”
 - There is no district quite like MPS in Wisconsin
- Surveying stakeholders:
 - The resolution calls for surveying MPS staff members, current families of D/HH students, and families with D/HH children who have left the district
 - Addressing these multiple groups may require more than one survey
 - There may be a need to “dig down” for more information via focus groups
- Phase 1 is nearly complete . . .



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Thank You

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