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REPORT TO THE MILWAUKEE BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS: OCTOBER 2020

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: Requests for Information/Research

The Office of Accountability and Efficiency routinely receives requests for information, including research requests. Examples include requests for sending and receiving reports, employee demographics reports, and vendor cost/spending information.

The OAE completed 48 requests for research/information in FY20 and has completed 20 requests for research/information to-date in FY21.

Accountability and Efficiency Services

Between September 15, 2020 and October 20, 2020, Accountability and Efficiency Services fulfilled six requests for research/information, three constituent inquiries, and two requests for independent hearing officer (IHO) assignment. Additionally, Accountability and Efficiency Services completed three special projects.

During the reporting period, Accountability and Efficiency Services also continued to work on transitioning the day-to-day management of the Principal's Landing Page to the Department of Research, Assessment, and Data. This transition will not cause any interruption in service and is anticipated to be completed by the end of 2020. Once transitioned, the OAE will continue to provide technical assistance and functional enhancements as needed.

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 (CCS) continued to work collaboratively with the Administration and the Office of Board Governance on implementation of Board Resolution 2021R-008 regarding establishing a code of conduct for outside contractors and their employees. This work includes drafting a new administrative policy and corresponding procedure for presentation to the Board upon completion.

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