



## **REPORT TO THE MILWAUKEE BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS: APRIL 2020**

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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.

During the reporting period, OAE performed data modeling to assist the MPS Pandemic Response Team and the Milwaukee Board of School Directors in decision-making regarding the district's response to the COVID-19 pandemic. For example, as a self-insured health provider to its employees, MPS carries the financial exposure to any increased medical costs resulting from COVID-19. In order to track, estimate, and forecast this potential cost, the OAE has developed a tool to monitor costs as they are received (typically 30-45 days after actual services are provided) by the District so that this information can be communicated efficiently to the Board. The Office of Accountability and Efficiency will continue to support the MPS Pandemic Response Team and the Milwaukee Board of School Directors using data modeling, analysis, and visualization.

### ***Accountability and Efficiency Services and Contract Compliance Services***

Between March 13, 2020 and April 10, 2020, Accountability and Efficiency Services and Contract Compliance Services continued to work to advance mission-critical projects while following Governor Evers' Safer at Home order. Work completed included four requests for information, one request for data visualization, and various requests for contract compliance review on mission-critical contracts. Additionally, Contract Compliance Services continued to focus its efforts on engaging industry and community-based partners to advance the employment training road map for Administrative Policy 3.13, Communities in Need. As a result, 35 of the 92 organizations surveyed have expressed commitment to serve as a Mission Aligned Partner supporting workforce development training, project-based learning, and internship support for MPS youth.