



## REPORT TO THE MILWAUKEE BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS: JANUARY 2025

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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.

### *Accountability and Efficiency Services*

Between December 8, 2024, and January 18, 2025, Accountability and Efficiency Services completed four constituent inquiries and satisfied two impartial hearing officer (IHO) requests.

During the reporting period, the OAE has focused most of its effort and attention to the Corrective Action Plan (CAP) under DPI. The CAP was approved by the Board on June 13, 2024 and the OAE is managing the project in conjunction with the Administration as set forth in the plan.

Accountability and Efficiency Services also continued to support the District's implementation of Administrative Policies 3.09 and 6.35.

### *Contract Compliance Services (CCS)*

This month, the CCS team focused on strengthening Student Engagement Programming. Ten student interns were successfully interviewed and hired for roles in administration and construction, in partnership with an MPS contractor and South Division high school. These positions provide valuable work-based learning opportunities.

MPS contractors and vendors actively supported our high schools by participating in two events aimed at enhancing student confidence through resume-building and workplace etiquette training.

We continue to foster partnerships within the District and with external sponsors to advance these initiatives. CCS remains steadfast in supporting the District's implementation of Administrative Policies 3.10 and 3.13, ensuring compliance and promoting student engagement.

### *Audit Services*

The Audit Services area under the OAE provides independent assurance that the District's risk management, governance, and internal control processes are operating effectively.

Updates in the Audit Services area for the current reporting period of December 10, 2024, through January 17, 2025, include:

#### Audit Completions and Activities

- Corrective Action Plan updates: Updated Board Rule and Audit Committee Charter and sent to City Attorney for their review and await their response.
- Issued three school audits
- Currently have one new principal school audit underway and one to be scheduled
- Issued two special investigative reports
- Reviewed two charter school external auditor's reports
- Issued the MPSU Follow Up Review
- Developed new board member orientation audit presentation to be presented to new and existing board members

- Conducting several ongoing investigations resulting from Fraud Hotline Tips
- Recorded the 38th fraud hotline tip this fiscal year, which is on pace to set a record for fraud hotline complaints received
- Provided analysis and feedback to the Procurement Department on certain contract services matters
- Participation on the RFP evaluation committee for the selection of the district's external financial auditor covering FY25-FY27
- Participated in the discussion on possible updates to Board Governance Policy 2.12