

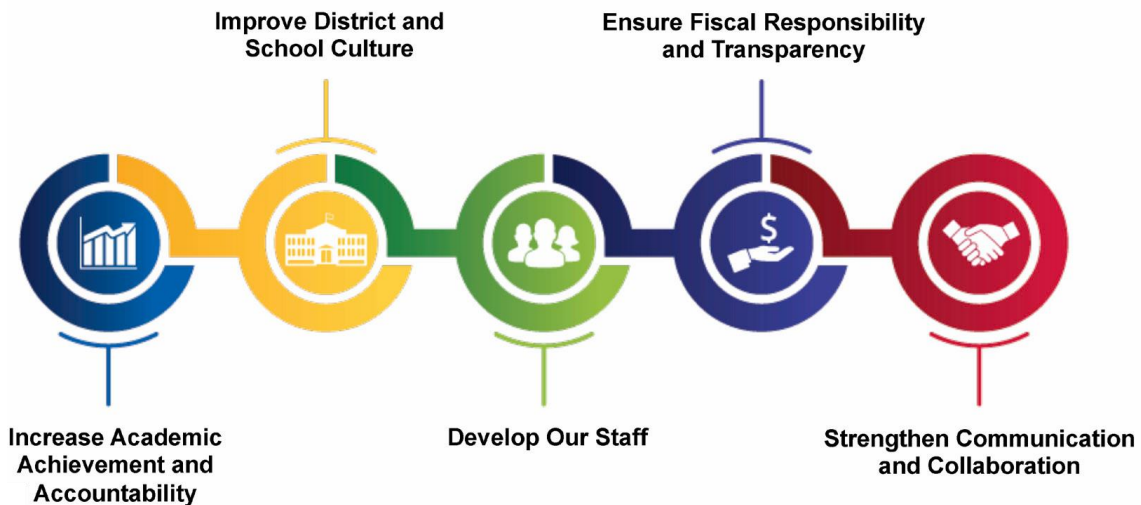


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Superintendent’s Report – July 2022

The Superintendent’s Report is designed to provide the Milwaukee Board of School Directors and the MPS community with an update on current activities under way to support the district goals of academic achievement; student, family, and community engagement; and effective and efficient operations as they are aligned to the district’s strategic objectives and the Five Priorities for Success.



Burnham Playfield Grand Reopening



Burnham held a grand reopening June 29 for its newly renovated playfield. The reopening of this playfield has been four years in the making and was commemorated with a ribbon-cutting ceremony. The new playfield comes with a splash pad, playground equipment, basketball courts, and a soccer field with synthetic turf.

There are many playfield reopenings in the works. Green Bay Playfield will be next in line for a ribbon-cutting ceremony. Carmen and Stark Playfields are under construction, with planning under way for Lincoln and Modrzejewski Playfields.

Read more about this story on [TMJ4](#), [CBS 58](#), and [Urban Milwaukee](#).

Summer Recreation

This summer, Milwaukee Recreation has provided activities for students in areas such as enrichment, swimming, camps, Community Learning Centers, Safe Places, arts, Twilight Centers, basketball and soccer leagues, and Special Olympics, to name a few. This variety of offerings has allowed more than 11,000 students to participate through the month of July.

Summer programs will continue into the month of August. For more information on summer activities available, see the [MKE REC Summer Recreation Guide](#).

Summer Meals

MPS continues to support families with summer meals by providing breakfast, lunch, snacks, and dinners at various meal sites across the district. Through the month of July, MPS has served more than 88,000 meals. We are excited to continue this meal service into August.

MPS Ultimate Sports Day

MPS Athletics and Milwaukee Recreation are hosting the first MPS Ultimate Sports Day on Saturday, August 6! All young people are invited to explore new sports and opportunities to stay active. This free event will introduce young people to thirteen sports programs supported by the district, and it will give all participants the opportunity to learn the fundamentals of each sport.

Baseball	Basketball	Cheer	Cross-Country
Football	Golf	Soccer	Softball
Swimming	Tennis	Track and Field	Volleyball
Wrestling			

Registered attendees can enjoy sport-specific stations and win raffle prizes, including sports shoe giveaways! High school coaches and youth sports instructors will lead the drills at each station.

[Register for the MPS Ultimate Sports Day](#) on August 6, 2022, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Preparing for 2022–23 School Year

In preparation of the upcoming school year, a host of institutes will take place to prepare staff for teaching and leading.

MPS will host its New Educator Institute during the week of August 1–5 for early start schools and August 22–26 for traditional start schools. During this institute, new teachers will be onboarded and walked through curricula, procedures, Employment Relations services, expectations, Infinite Campus, supporting students with disabilities, standards and classroom management, equity, and Educator Effectiveness.

Teachers who have been with the district will attend the Teacher Institute on August 9 and 10 for early start schools and on August 30 and 31 for traditional start schools. During this institute, teachers will receive sessions on curricula, classroom management, standards, textbook adoption, social-emotional learning, supporting students with disabilities, assessment, bilingual resources, teaching practices, intervention, and equity.

Last, the Principal Leadership Institute will take place August 1–3. During this institute, returning principals and those new to the district will engage in learning sessions that will help prepare them to start the school year. Some of the topics covered will include Educator Effectiveness, textbook adoption, procedures, IDEA laws, facilities, labor relations, technology, finance, equity, and district guidelines.

Over the summer, staff had an opportunity to attend professional development sessions both in person and virtually. Professional development opportunities included understanding core curricula, new textbook adoption, grant programs, online platforms, software, visual arts, discipline basics, restorative practices, transition, and Educator Effectiveness.

Additional professional development opportunities will take place on professional development days at the school level upon staff returning and during the New Educator, Teacher, and Principal Institutes.

Recruitment

We are seeking talent for all areas in MPS, both certificated and classified—teachers, administrators, food service assistants, CHAs, paraprofessionals, secretaries, and building service helpers—to support our schools, students, and staff.

Our most recent and upcoming recruitment fairs are listed below. We encourage every staff member, stakeholder, community member, parent, and student to share this information in the community.

- Bastille Days – July 14–17, 2022
- MPS Community Resource Fairs – July 14, **August 11, and August 17, 2022**
- Washington Park Wednesdays – July 27, **August 3, and August 31, 2022**
- Brady Street Festival – **July 30, 2022**
- Wisconsin State Fair – **August 4–14, 2022**
- Black Arts Fest – **August 6, 2022**

Freshman Bridge

MPS high schools will host Freshman Bridge for ninth-grade students on August 3 and 4 to help them prepare for a great freshman year. Students who attend Freshman Bridge will be better prepared for a successful year. Students attending can look forward to the host of activities and introductions:

- Locating their locker and classrooms
- Getting their student ID and touring the school
- Learning how high school works
- Meeting their teachers
- Obtaining information on after-school programs, clubs, and sports
- Learning tips, strategies, and do's and don'ts from upperclassmen
- Learning about credits and the importance of their GPA
- Visiting their school's College and Career Center
- Getting their Class of 2026 T-shirt