



REPORT TO THE MILWAUKEE BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS: NOVEMBER 2024

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 October 20, 2024, and November 9, 2024, Accountability and Efficiency Services completed three constituent inquiries and satisfied one impartial hearing officer (IHO) request.

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)

During this period, the CCS team prioritized enhancing Student Engagement Programming. Nine student interns were interviewed and hired across fields like administration, counseling, IT, and special education, with roles created in collaboration with Bradley Tech, Reagan, and South Division high schools. Each position offers work-based learning opportunities.

On November 7, CCS staff attended the Future Urban Leaders Gala, an event showcasing Milwaukee youth talent. Future Urban Leaders (FUL) supports leadership development beyond the classroom, aligning with our goal of providing students with enrichment opportunities that foster personal and professional growth.

We continue to build partnerships within the District and with external sponsors to advance these initiatives. CCS remains dedicated to supporting the District's implementation of Administrative Policies 3.10 and 3.13, reinforcing our commitment to compliance and 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 October 17, 2024, through November 13, 2024, include:

Audit Completions and Activities

- Corrective Action Plan updates: Updated Board Rule and sent to City Attorney for their review in August 2024 and continue to await their response.
- Issued two school audits
- Currently have five new principal school audits underway
- Issued four special investigative reports
- Reviewed two charter school external auditor's reports

- Developed Accounts Payable Audit presentation to be presented at November AFP meeting
- Conducting several ongoing investigations resulting from Fraud Hotline Tips
- Recorded the 28th 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 the external audit services RFP to be issued soon
- Requested the Association of Local Government Auditors (ALGA) Peer Review for OAE-Audit Services operations which will be scheduled in the Spring 2025
- Updating Board on the Peer Review Process at the November Board meeting