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# Music Education March Update

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*Superintendent*



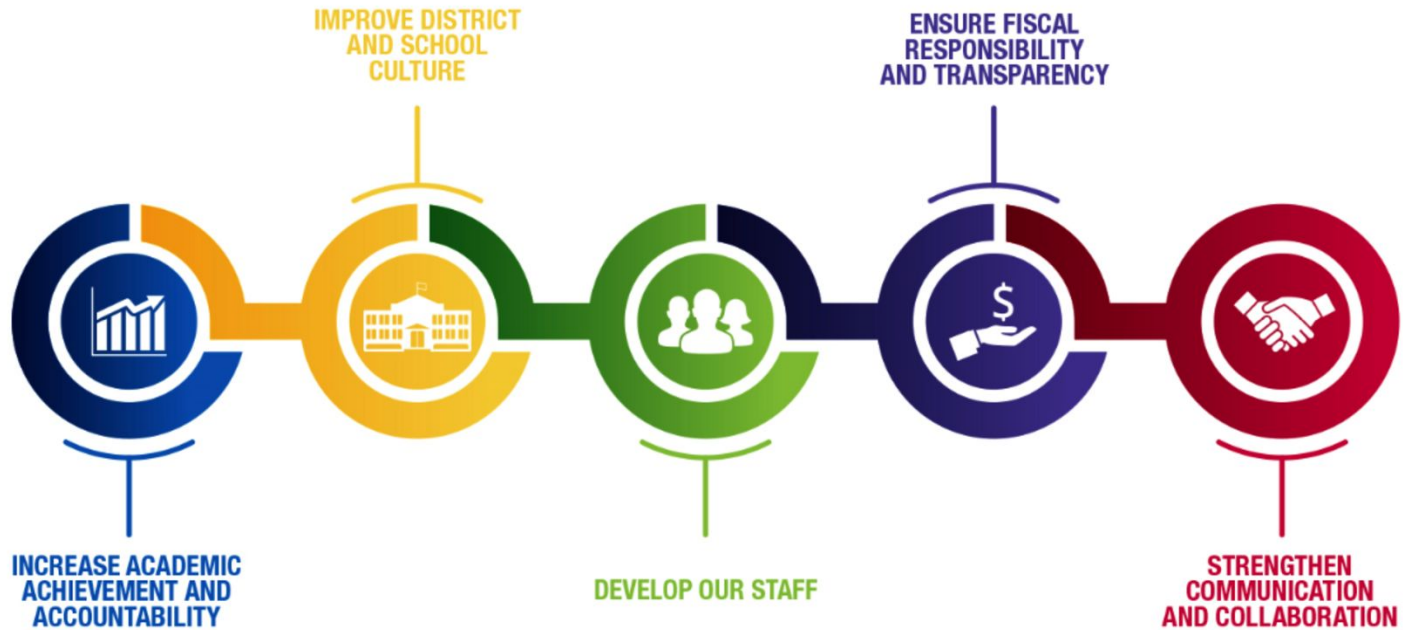
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*Presenter*

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# *Five Priorities for Success*



# Ambitious Instruction



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Formative  
Practices

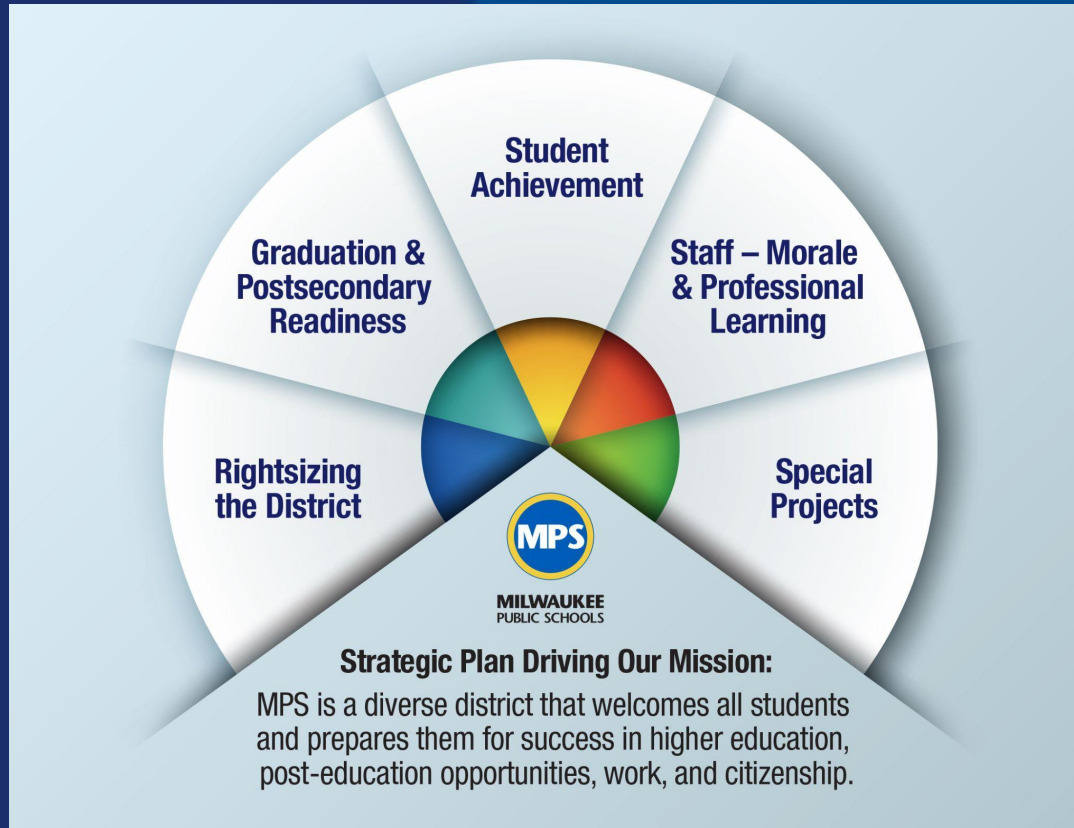


Explicit  
Instruction



Engagement

# *Strategic Plan Driving Our Mission*



# Music Staffing 2023–24

## Total of 122 music staff for the 23–24 school year:

- 94 classroom teachers serving 89 schools
- 23 traveling music teachers serving 46 schools
- 3 music teacher leaders serving all schools, 21 mentees
- 2 instrument specialists serving all schools

## Music vacancies as of 3/1/2024:

- 18 schools supported by the Wisconsin Conservatory
- 18 full-time positions (each in a single school)
- 14 paired positions (full time, serving two schools)
- 4 part-time positions

# MPS 7th and 8th Grade Music Plan

## Community music survey completed by six schools:

- More than 1000 responses
- School music communities picked their top choices:
  - Band, choir, drumline, and mariachi were the top ensemble performance classes selected
  - Piano, guitar, and music technology were the top individual performance music classes selected
  - Schools will offer both ensemble and individual performance classes
  - Paired positions will be posted in Cycle B:
    - Parkside/Congress
    - Escuela Vieau/Hayes Bilingual
    - Fernwood/Fairview
  - Each school will also receive six additional hours of traveling music support

# Planning for the Future

## Music Feeder Pattern Data Study

- Where do students live?
- How does that compare to where they attend elementary, middle, and high school?
- Do the arts schools have a unique feeder pattern?

## Traveling Music Teacher Support

- Board policy required amount
- Referendum funded at some schools
- Consider traveling music funded by feeder pattern
- Consider traveling music funded by size of program



# 2023–24 District Music Events

- **Over 500 people attended the MPS Battle of the Drumlines** on December 9 at Rufus King. King took home the trophy, with Reagan and Washington coming in a close second and third.
- **Over 400 students performed at WSMA Solo and Ensemble** on March 2 at Rufus King. More than 100 students advanced to perform at the state competition at UWM in April.
- **The WSMA Large Group Contest** will take place April 9–12 at the Milwaukee Youth Arts Center. Students from dozens of MPS school bands, orchestras, and choirs will perform for a judge.

# MPS 50th Biennial Music Festival



- May 1 and 2, 2024, 6:30 p.m.  
UWM Panther Arena **FREE**
- 100 years of music in MPS
- Over 5,000 young musicians:  
bands \* orchestras \* choirs \* modern bands \* drumlines  
harps \* world drums \* celebratory trumpet fanfare
- Preview this year's event with a [video retrospective](#) of our 2022 MPS Biennial Music Festival



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