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REPORT TO THE MILWAUKEE BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS: JANUARY 2023

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, the Office of Accountability and Efficiency continued to implement the FY23 OAE Work Plan.

Accountability and Efficiency Services

Between December 10, 2022 and January 14, 2023, Accountability and Efficiency Services fulfilled two requests for information/research, eight constituent inquiries, and four special projects. Accountability and Efficiency Services also closed three whistleblower reports and has initiated the activities associated with the recent creation of the District's Retirement Plan Committee.

Accountability and Efficiency Services collaborated with the Office of Finance to complete the district's five year forecast for presentation to the Board's Committee on Strategic Planning and Budget as part of the District's budget planning process for Fiscal Year 2023-24 (FY24). The forecast is intended to support fiscal and equity-based decision-making to maintain and improve essential school operations services in the FY24 budget cycle. Forecast assumptions are calculated based on actuals, trends, economic indicators, and regional and local economics. Additionally, analysis of enrollment, revenues, and expenditures, including analysis of nearly 200 expense and revenue categories, is conducted as part of this process.

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 the reporting period, Contract Compliance Services staff members focused on our HUB and Student Engagement Programs. CCS continues to process and monitor a historically high number of contracts due to the volume of ESSER funded projects throughout the District.

Contract Compliance Services also continued to support the District's implementation of Administrative Policies 3.10 and 3.13