



REPORT TO THE MILWAUKEE BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS: MARCH 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 February 17, 2024 and March 9, 2024, Accountability and Efficiency Services completed one constituent inquiry. The OAE has continued to work with Office of Board Governance to ensure the reorganization of the audit function is implemented as directed by the Board. Nearly all implementation activities are complete with staff, budgets, time reporting, and absence management having been transferred.

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 reporting period, Contract Compliance Services (CCS) staff members focused on our Historically Underutilized Business (HUB) and Student Engagement Programming.

On March 13, 2024, CCS staff engaged in a construction-focused event in collaboration with MPS Prime Contractor BEAR Construction and the Department of Facilities and Maintenance Services (DFMS). The purpose of this event was to facilitate a comprehensive understanding for HUB subcontractors regarding effective business dealings with the district. The agenda encompassed an exploration of prevailing general construction prospects within the district's Job Order Contracting framework, alongside an informative session on HUB, Communities In Need (COIN), and Student Engagement programming.

Additionally, six student interns underwent interviews across diverse industries, resulting in the successful recruitment of four interns within the fields of actuarial services, administration, counseling, and library management.

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

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 include:

- Audit Completions
 - 1 charter school performance/compliance audit
 - 3 school performance/compliance audits

- Audits Underway

- Expulsion Audit approved at February 29, 2024 Board meeting. Opening meeting to be scheduled in March 2024.
- Accounts Payable audit opening meeting scheduled for week of March 11, 2024

- Investigations
 - Continued monitoring of the Fraud Hotline with several ongoing investigations underway

- Operational Updates
 - Technology upgrades for Audit Team
 - Career progression for Auditor I to Auditor II
 - Recruitment process underway to fill Auditor I position.