



REPORT TO THE MILWAUKEE BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS: MAY 2021

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. Each month, the OAE monthly report will provide a highlight of one area of the OAE Work Plan and Work Plan progress from the previous month.

Work Plan Highlight: Whistleblower Protection

In accordance with Administrative Policy 6.35, Whistleblower Protections, the District's whistleblower process urges all members of the Milwaukee Board of School Directors, employees, independent contractors, and volunteers to report any known or suspected violation of legal, criminal, policy, or ethical nature. All violations or suspected violations may be reported to the management of the Office of Accountability and Efficiency, among others. The procedure guarantees that no action will be taken against any Board member, employee, or volunteer who makes a good faith complaint. All complaints are treated as confidential to the extent possible, consistent with the parameters of an adequate investigation.

As part of the OAE's FY20-FY29 strategic plan, Accountability and Efficiency Services recently completed capacity building efforts and a thorough review of procedures for receiving and reviewing whistleblower reports. These efforts and ensuing enhancements will ensure the OAE is able to continue to receive and review all reports with fidelity even during times of increased volume.

Accountability and Efficiency Services

Between April 12, 2021 and May 17, 2021, Accountability and Efficiency Services fulfilled 13 requests for information/research, five constituent inquiries, four requests for data visualization, and one special project. Accountability and Efficiency Services also fulfilled one request for independent hearing officer (IHO) assignment and one RFP/BID appeal.

Also during the reporting period, Accountability and Efficiency Services completed its annual review of the district's FY20 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) and the Superintendent's FY21 Proposed Budget.

Accountability and Efficiency Services also continued to support the District's implementation of Administrative Policies 3.09 and 6.35.

Contract Compliance Services

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