

# MPS/MKE Early Childhood 1,825 Initiative Update

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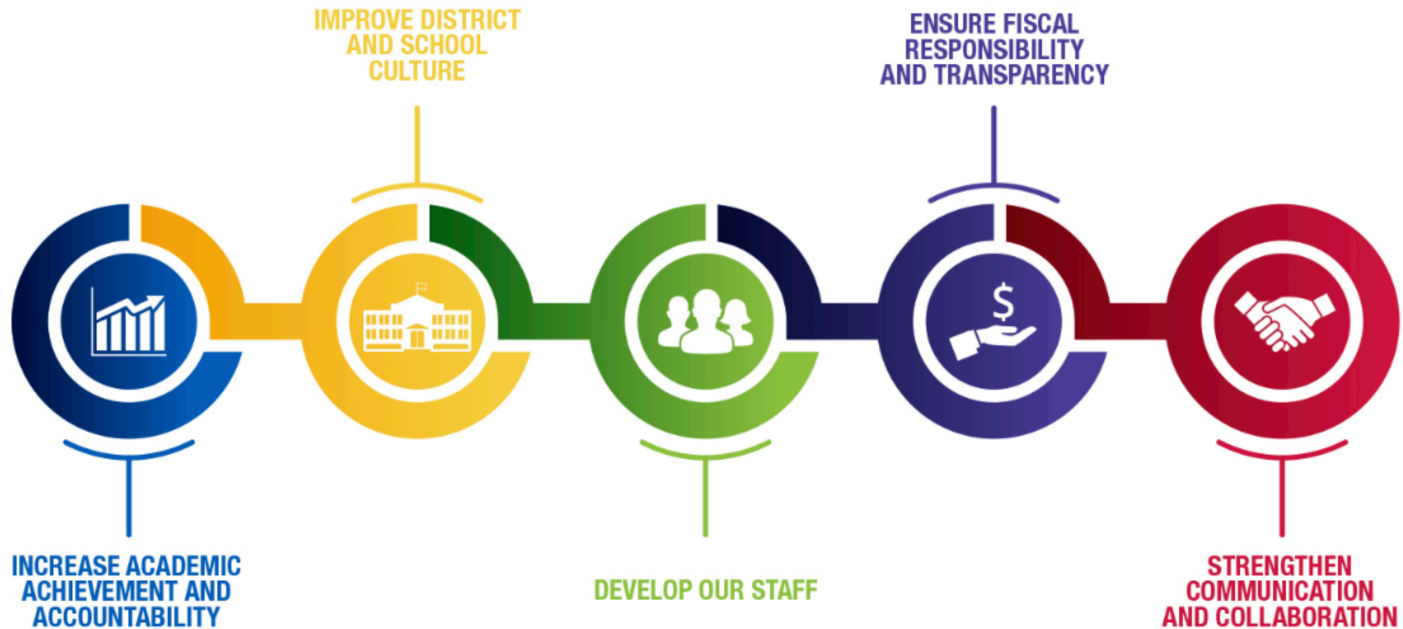


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# Five Priorities for Success

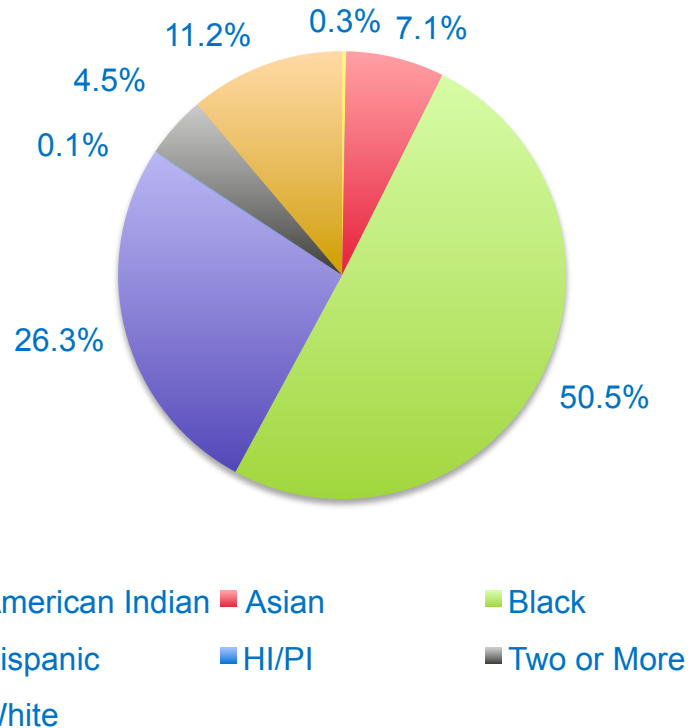


# Diversity is our greatest strength – Early Childhood

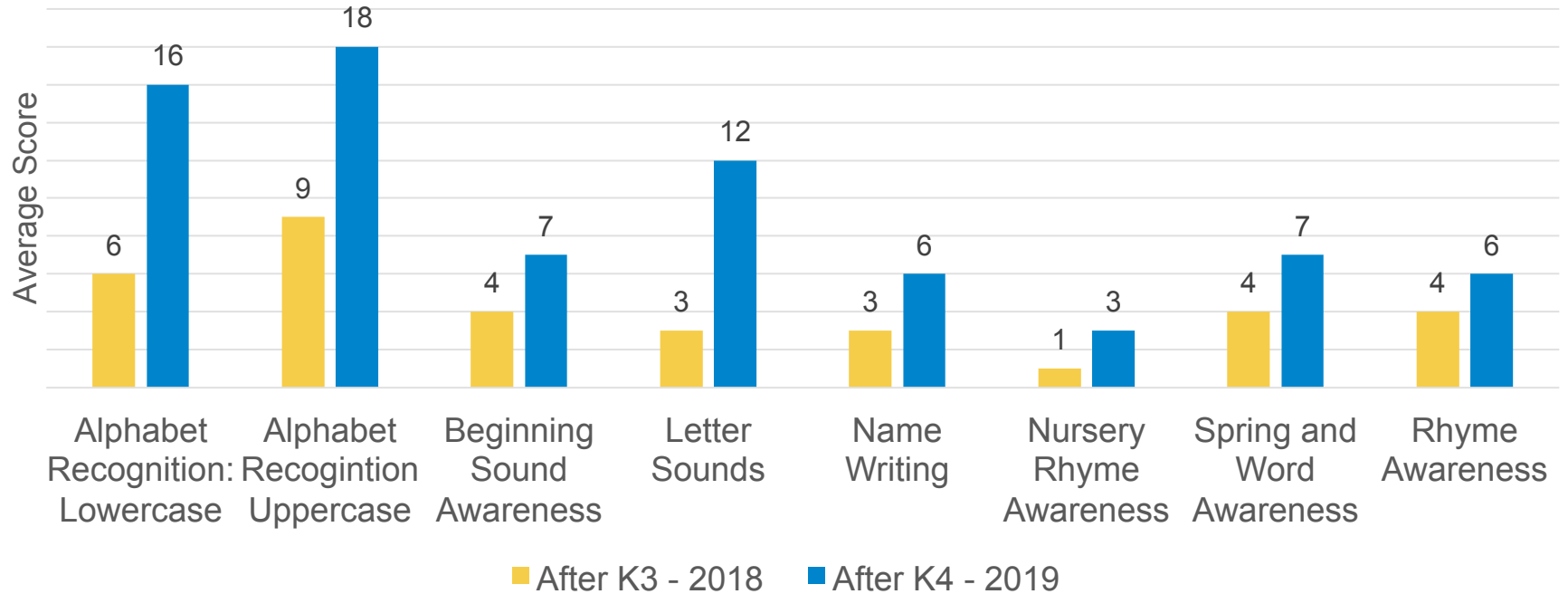
## MPS Demographics 2019-20

- 12,879 Students
- 14.5% English Language Learners (Only students in K5 are identified.)
- 19.5% Students with Disabilities
- 81.9% Economically Disadvantaged

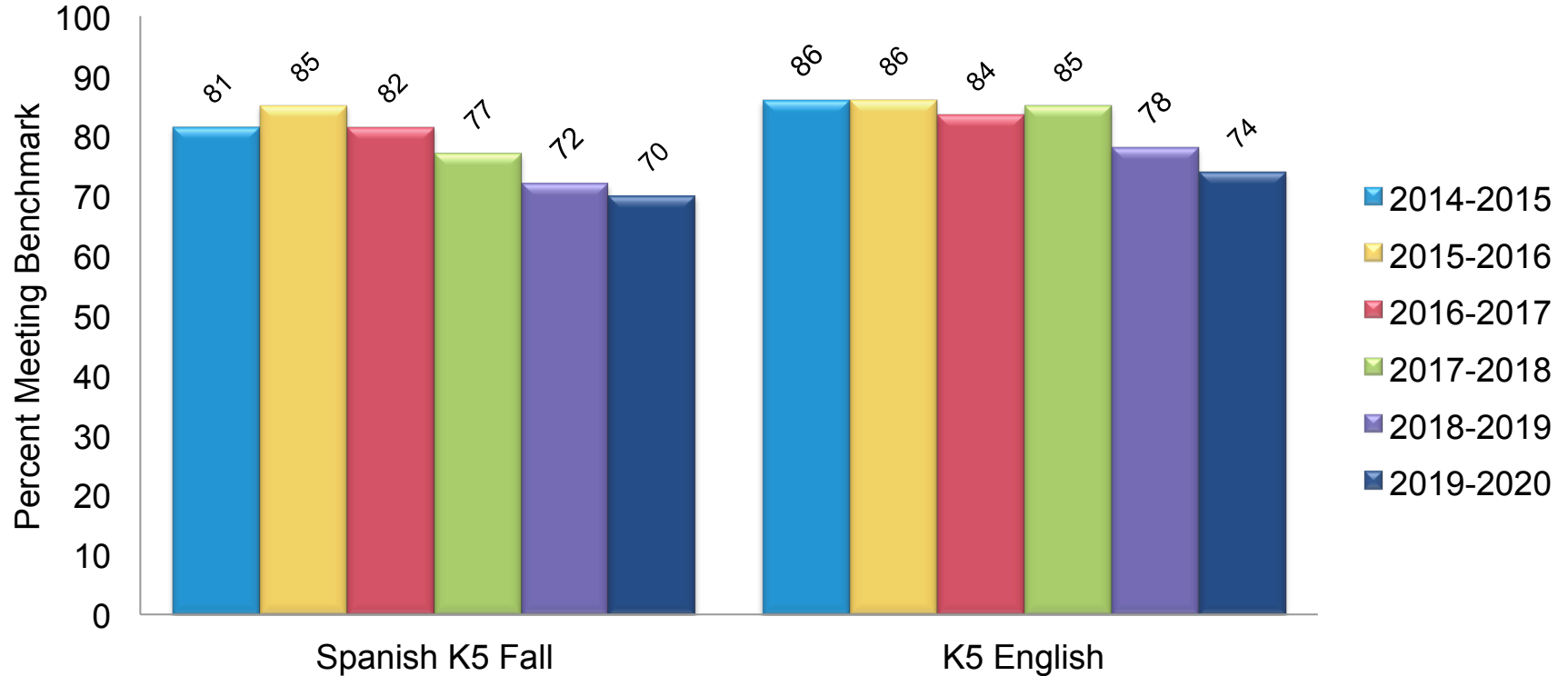
- Ethnicity



# PALS Spring Data



# PALS K5 Fall Data 2014 to 2019



# MPS/MKE EC Initiative “Countdown to Kindergarten” Project



## Countdown to Kindergarten

### A Guide for Families

Milwaukee Public Schools wants every child to succeed! Use this step-by-step guide to help your child be ready for the first day of kindergarten.



February 1 to March 1, 2020

Download the MPS App to learn more about Milwaukee Public Schools. Visit MPS schools and choose a school for your child. Enroll online, at an MPS school, or at MPS Central Services.



**Head Start students:** Enroll at the Grant Gordon Learning Center (formerly Lee Learning Center).

**K3 and Head Start:** Limited programs are available at some MPS schools. Children must turn 3 by September 1 to be eligible.

**K4 and Head Start:** Programs are available at most schools across the district. Children must turn 4 by September 1 to be eligible.

**K5:** Programs are available at most schools across the district. Children must turn 5 by September 1 to be eligible.



March and April, 2020

Families who enroll by March 1 should receive a letter with their child's school assignment by the end of March. Contact your child's school to schedule a tour so your child can get excited about starting school in fall!



May to August, 2020

Watch your email and check the MPS website to find exciting activities throughout Milwaukee. MPS and partners will offer free fun so your child can start learning.



August 2020

Attend the citywide Kindergarten Kickoff to receive free resources and prizes. Meet other families and kindergarten students. Information will be posted on the MPS website.



Early Start  
First Day of School:  
Monday, August 17, 2020

Traditional Start  
First Day of School:  
Tuesday, September 1,  
2020

Check with your child's school and mark your calendar so your child will be on time for the first day of kindergarten! Children who attend all day, every day are more successful.



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Grant Gordon Learning Center (formerly Lee Learning Center) – 921 W. Meinecke Ave., Milwaukee, WI, 53206 • (414) 252-0350

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# Progress on MPS/MKE Early Childhood 1,825 Initiative

## Completed Work

- Kindergarten Enrollment Fair
- EC Initiative members registered to become community presenters
- Frog Street Level 1 training for MPS new K3 & K4 teachers being held monthly
- New Frog Street Level 2 training being offered monthly to all K3 and K4 teachers

## Current Work

- Registering families for “Countdown to Kindergarten” activities
- Training all Parent Coordinators on accessing EC information for families on the MPS App
- Update MPS Head Start enrollment process
- Fidelity checks on Frog Street curriculum implementation

## Future Work

- Provide PD for community childcare centers on trauma
- Joining with the MTEA EC group to work on early learning in MPS
- Create regional childcare maps for families for 3+ star options
- Develop transition activities for schools
- Identify family readiness activities for summer

# MPS/MKE Early Childhood Initiative Timeline

February  
2020

March  
2020

April  
2020

Kindergarten Enrollment Fair

“Countdown to Kindergarten” launch

The Registry training for community PD providers

Frog Street Training for new staff (Level 1) and existing staff (Level 2)

Classroom Management/SEL PD for teachers

“Countdown to Kindergarten” School Visits

“Countdown to Kindergarten” family registration begins

Provide community PD on trauma (session 1)

Connect 53206 Child Care providers and Schools

Frog Street Training for new staff (Level 1) and existing staff (Level 2)

“Countdown to Kindergarten” school-based transition activities begin

Provide community PD on trauma (session 2)

Develop “Countdown to Kindergarten” summer activities

Develop next community PD series

Frog Street Training for new staff (Level 1) and existing staff (Level 2)

Classroom Management/SEL PD for teachers



# Thank you.

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