

As its June 24, 2021 meeting, the Board adopted Resolution 2122R-005, regarding the establishment of a Community Schools workgroup charged with creating a Milwaukee Public Schools Community Schools policy. The work group met regularly since August through November, 2021. The work group was composed of representatives of the Milwaukee Public Schools administration, United Way of Greater Milwaukee and Waukesha County, the Milwaukee Teachers Education Association, and community school coordinators.

The work groups included an advisory committee, as well as sub-committees that were charged with crafting the proposed community schools policy based on collaborative discussions and themes identified from the data. The work group members provided feedback, questions for reflection, and recommendations to clarify specific policy language.

Student voice was particularly valued through youth councils from each community school, that provided feedback, questions, and recommendations to assist the work group with clarifying specific policy language.

The work groups collectively developed Administrative Policy 9.14: Community Schools, as attached. The proposed administrative policy is aligned to the Milwaukee Community Schools three key practices:

- Cultural Relevance: a guiding practice to transform how schools relate and interact with their students, families, and community in a more culturally relevant and restorative way, leading to positive school cultures, strong relational trust, and high-quality teaching.
- Equity: a guiding practice to transform how schools collect and use data and how they organize and manage partnerships and resources to ensure that students, families, and staff have the resources they need to be successful.
- Shared Leadership: a guiding practice to transform how schools make decisions by engaging diverse stakeholders to participate in the development and ownership of local strategies.

Two times per academic school year, a report shall be presented by the Milwaukee Community Schools Partnership to the Board on the implementation of the community schools strategy.