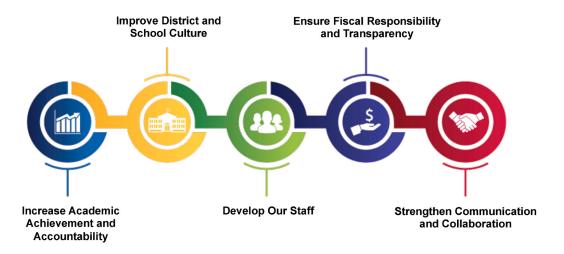


## **Superintendent's Report - July**

The Superintendent's Report is designed to provide the Milwaukee Board of School Directors and the MPS community with an update on current activities underway to support the district goals of academic achievement; student, family and community engagement; and effective and efficient operations as they are aligned to the district's strategic objectives and the Five Priorities for Success:



As I completed my second month as interim superintendent, I continue to meet with staff, community members, business leaders, elected officials and staff to talk about my entry plan, the *Five Priorities for Success* and ways we can develop and strengthen relationships, partnerships and experiences for our students. Communication is essential to our collective efforts to realize positive





outcomes for our students and the participation of all stakeholders is encouraged. Please follow us on social media — Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and share your feedback via the MPS website!







During July, I met with **Mayor Tom Barrett** to discuss our district's top priorities and opportunities for success. I held my standing meeting with MTEA leadership and also shared Bradley Tech leadership changes with the **Bradley Tech Commission**. I also met with **Dr. Alan Shoho** of the **University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee** to discuss an opportunity to develop a teacher pipeline.



I participated in a press conference at the Harley-Davidson University campus to celebrate the signing of four of our students, **Jamaris**Flowers, Kiya Mooney, Debora Oquendo, and Ethan Sanchez, from Lynde and Harry Bradley Technology and Trade School who have accepted youth apprenticeships at Harley-Davidson. Harley has been a major supporter of Bradley Tech for many years, and in partnership with MATC, our students are gaining the employability skills they need to succeed, while also earning college credits. I'm truly grateful and honored to have these great partnerships and opportunities for our students. Youth



apprenticeships and internships will remain a priority for the district.



The Milwaukee Public Schools' **Enrollment Bus Campaign** is well underway and showing consistent increases, due to the efforts of our schools and those of our canvassers. We are doing a great job of getting the word out on the many educational offerings and opportunities at MPS! You can check out the fall enrollment on the MPS homepage.

We had a successful end to J-Term, a four-week noncompulsory educational and experiential program offering for MPS students in K5-grade 12 on the early start calendar. J-Term classes allowed students to complete course(s) for credit recovery or acceleration, participate in internships, build proficiency in key skill areas, and stay on track for graduation.

Our other summer programs, organized to promote healthy lifestyles, personal development, and academic achievement throughout the summer, continue to enroll students. I was lucky to able to visit some of our summer recreation programs. It provided me the opportunity to engage with our students and staff at Gaenslen, North Division, and Riverside. At Gaenslen, I walked through Club Rec., which is a six-week Therapeutic Recreation summer program tasked with improving the quality of life for children with disabilities. Staff members help participants across different areas, including music, art, aquatics, and technology. I also mingled with students at Riverside during the Community Learning Centers' Summer EXCEL program (Exciting Camps for Enrichment and Learning). Milwaukee Recreation hosts various EXCEL classes, but during the visit to Riverside, the students were engaged in a culinary session, with three teams of students cooking different chicken dishes, as well as brownies for dessert.





## **Events/Programs/ Announcements**

Milwaukee Public Schools' Office of Human Resources hosted a Bilingual Career Recruitment Fair at South Division High School for individuals who may be interested in becoming part of the MPS family as an employee. In addition to teaching options, MPS also has exciting career

opportunities for secretaries, safety aides, food service workers, and school engineers.

Milwaukee Public Schools is participating in the **MKE Fellows** program this summer. The MKE Fellows was created to encourage young men from Milwaukee to complete their college education and return home as successful professionals. This summer, MPS welcomed five MKE Fellows for summer internships:

Richard Nwabuzor: Department of Black and Latino Male Achievement

Aaron Wilder: Department of Recreation/ Project Management Team

Ocker Lucas: IT Department

Kentaurias Johnson: Milwaukee Recreation Therapeutic Recreation Program for Individuals with Disabilities

• Perez Ogunkunle: Milwaukee Recreation/Finance Department



## **Congratulations**

**Casimir Pulaski High School** has been officially authorized as an International Baccalaureate (IB) Middle Years Program school! This is a very rigorous process and the Pulaski school community should be very proud of this great accomplishment.



The IB programs operate within a curricular structure that focuses on developing inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who will have the personal and professional skills to succeed in our modern, global society. The IB Middle Years Program serves students in grades 6-12 in preparation for the career program and/or the diploma program.











