

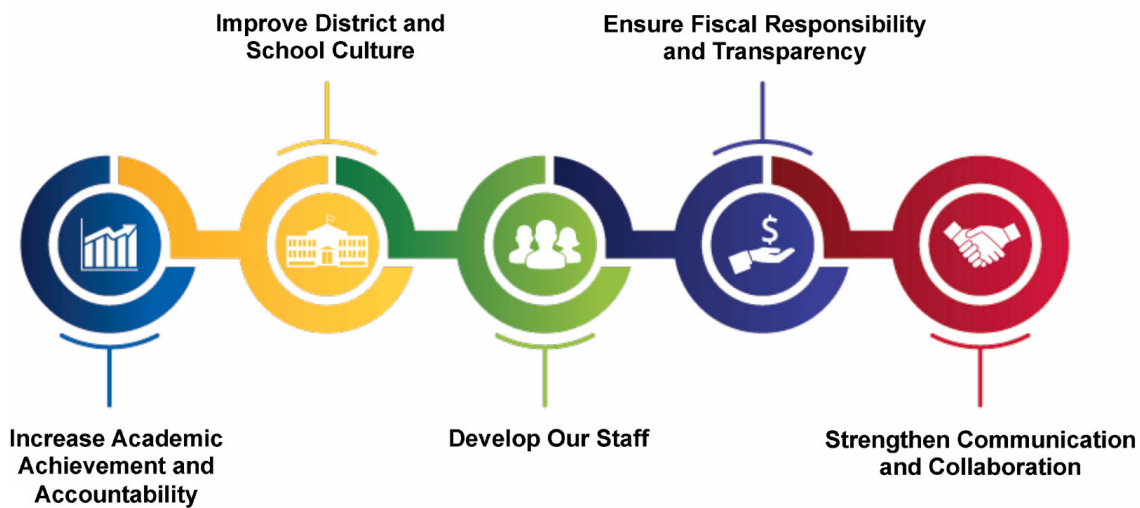


**MILWAUKEE  
PUBLIC SCHOOLS**



## Superintendent’s Report – June 2020

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.



### MPS COVID-19 Update

There have been many district impacts resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. The district is continuing its extensive planning and implementation efforts to support members of the MPS family during this time including the following examples:

- Closeout of the 2019-2020 school year.
- Emphasis on plans for summer learning and fall reopening.
- Stop, Grab, and Go sites to distribute healthy meals through the summer months.
- Virtual format for Summer Academy 2020.
- Helplines and district updates to keep families informed and provide assistance.

District leadership will continue these and more efforts to support all members of the MPS family.

### *Helplines and District Updates Keep Families Informed*

MPS is continually seeking ways to support our students and families during school closures. Get access to the latest information and assistance through our phone lines, website, schools, app, and other sources.

MPS Central Services phone lines are open for questions -- call (414) 475-8393. MPS has also created a special hotline -- (414) 475-8900 -- to provide assistance and guidance to families. Both lines are open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Families of students receiving Specialized Services Support can access assistance regarding their child's education. Call (414) 438-3648 and leave a message stating the student's name and birth date along with your name and contact information. You will be contacted within 24 hours of your call.



Both lines are open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

## ***GE Innovation Labs to be Created in Six Milwaukee Public Schools Sites***



Milwaukee Public Schools (MPS) and the GE Foundation announced the creation of six digital fabrication labs to help inspire and prepare MPS students for a STEM-driven and innovative future. The GE Innovation Labs are the final phase of the GE Foundation grant to MPS in 2010 that will conclude during the 2020-21 school year.

The GE Innovation Labs will serve as a place for MPS students to learn, create, play and invent utilizing problem-solving skills, teamwork and tools for authentic problems. Local businesses will be invited

to share some of their product challenges for students to solve.

The GE Innovation Labs are being placed in six MPS middle schools: Andrew Douglas, Wedgewood Park International, Audubon Technology and Communication, Hayes Bilingual, George Washington Carver Academy of Math and Science and Rufus King International Middle School. Construction on the sites will begin in a few weeks and are scheduled to be ready and accessible to all MPS students when they are able to return to school buildings.

The total cost of the labs is being funded by the GE Foundation grant, including funds dedicated to educator training and supplies for each GE Lab. This includes funds to help sustain the GE Labs with supplies. Health and safety measures are also being integrated into the labs.

Each lab will be at least 1,000 square feet and filled with new equipment including: a laser cutter, vinyl cutter, multiple 3D printers, CNC router, graphic design software, soldering station, multiple types of saws, and sanders.

## 2019-2020 Wisconsin Title I School of Recognition Award

The following schools were named by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction as 2019-2020 Wisconsin Title I Schools of Recognition:

Carmen High School of Science and Technology South Campus for *Beating the Odds*  
Golda Meir School for *Beating the Odds*  
HAPA-Hmong American Peace Academy for *Beating the Odds*  
Honey Creek Continuous Progress Charter School for *Beating the Odds*  
Marvin E. Pratt Elementary School for *High Progress and Beating the Odds*  
Milwaukee College Preparatory School: Lola Rowe North Campus for *Beating the Odds*  
Milwaukee Excellence Charter School for *Beating the Odds*  
Ronald Wilson Reagan College Preparatory High School for *Beating the Odds*  
Rufus King International School – High School Campus for *Beating the Odds*

Since 2003, the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI) has recognized Title I schools that have demonstrated success in educating students. These awards recognize the work of students and their parents along with teachers, school administrators, and school staff members to break the link between poverty and low academic achievement.

## MPS Honored Graduates with a Weeklong Celebration

Graduation is always an exciting time in Milwaukee Public Schools. This year, MPS recognized seniors with a weeklong celebration of virtual graduation ceremonies. Graduates and their families were able to watch their school's class president, valedictorian, salutatorian, commencement speakers, and principal, and view photos of their classmates during the full-length virtual programs. Congratulations to the class of 2020!

## MPS Celebrates Valedictorians and Salutatorians

Congratulations to all MPS valedictorians and salutatorians who were honored at the May full Board meeting!

MPS once again recognizes these hard-working students. We are especially proud of the following young women and men who have excelled and attained the highest grades in their class.



School Name	Valedictorian	Salutatorian
The Alliance School	Bryanna Halvorson	Maya Stanley
Assata High School	Lanitra Jones	Keilah Morgan
Audubon High School	Ximena Cornerjo	Elizabeth Otto
Bay View High School	Brennan Halsey	Mia Morrison

Banner Preparatory Academy	Saneya Pryor	Alicia Mcgrego Ashanti Johnson
Bradley Technology and Trade High School	Sharifah Bibi Nur Muhammad	Kenyatta Parks
Carmen High School Northwest Campus	Liomar Navarro	Sunny Nguyen
Carmen High School South Campus	Heidi Perez Rodriguez	Guadalupe Gomez Soto
Carmen High School Southeast Campus	Rosaisela Santoyo Maciel	Rosaisela Santoyo Maciel Keishla Colon
Grandview High School	Hasabna Salgado	Eric Daniel-Medina
Groppi High School	Vondell Moore	Armani Johnson
Hamilton High School	Sania Tariq	Jaquelin Perez Salazar
King International High School	Zoe Elko Jayne Kilander Avery Ponto Melina Quiles Estella Ramirez Oliver Schmidt Emma Shenkenberg Lucille Steffes	Magdalena Lelewicz Alejandro Robinson
Lad Lake Synergy	Rhianna Harris	Dylan Blaha
MacDowell Montessori School	Acacia Steele	Alaina Whitson
Madison Academic Campus	Rosie Jefferson	Linda Xiong
MC2 High School	Loretta Allen	Giselle Solis Angel Sosa
Golda Meir High School	Elijah Prather	Mordechai Tinney
Milwaukee High School of the Arts	Anna Kraco	Autumn Green
Milwaukee School of Languages	Anja Arnhold	Merce Fernandez
Milwaukee Marshall High School	David Olatunji	Malik Hamilton
North Division High School	Aaliyah Rave	Essence Rawls
Nova High School	Desiree Johnson	Miricle Walker
Obama SCTE	Mattison Taddei	DeUnique Davis
Pulaski High School	Adrian Manuntag	Umar Nur Ali

Reagan College Preparatory High School	Maxwell Ehlers Hanah Galvan Trinity Manzke Sandra Martinez Aliza Passow Raquel Rojano Mateo Vega Rivera Ariana Veloz Rihana Zaiani	
Riverside University High School	Arlinda Yang	Naree Thao
South Division High School	Nor Alzuhairi	Su San Nalala Soe
Transition High School	Carolyn Ross-Staples	Diamond Lockett
Vincent High School	Samya Hickman	Makayla Reed
Washington High School of IT	Tanya McNeal	Hawa Mohamed
Wisconsin Conservatory of Lifelong Learning	Thimothy Lor	Shekinah Jones

## *MPS Graduates Follow College and Career Dreams*



As MPS seniors bid farewell to high school, their sights are already set on the future. Many graduates already have plans in place to begin pursuing their college and career dreams.

MPS graduates have shared their future plans, and we are proud of their choices for college, the military, technical and trade schools, and the world of work. We are pleased to offer a sampling of where our students are heading after graduation.

### **Colleges and Universities**

American University  
Arizona State University  
Columbia College Chicago  
Concordia University–Irvine  
Concordia University–St. Paul  
Cornell University  
DePaul University

### **Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs)**

Benedict College  
Clark Atlanta University  
Florida A&M University  
Fort Valley State University  
Grambling State University  
Hampton University  
Howard University

### **Wisconsin Colleges and Universities**

Alverno College  
Bryant & Stratton  
Cardinal Stritch University  
Carroll University  
Carthage College  
Concordia University  
Empire Beauty School



Duke University  
Florida International University  
Iowa Central Community College  
Jefferson College  
Lee University  
Louisiana State University  
Macalester College  
Purdue University  
Rockford University  
Saint Xavier University  
Southern Utah University  
Stanford University  
Syracuse University  
Triton College  
University of Chicago  
University of Iowa  
University of Minnesota, Duluth  
University of Minnesota, Twin  
Cities  
University of Notre Dame  
University of Pittsburgh  
Washington University in St.  
Louis  
Western Illinois University  
William Penn University  
Yale University

Jackson State University  
Kentucky State University  
Morehouse College  
North Carolina A&T State  
University  
Philander Smith College  
Prairie View A&M  
Shaw University  
Tennessee State University  
Tougaloo College  
University of Arkansas at Pine  
Bluff  
Southern University and A&M  
College  
Talladega College  
Xavier University of Louisiana

Fox Valley Technical College  
Lakeland University  
Madison Area Technical College  
Marian University  
Marquette University  
Milwaukee Area Technical  
College  
Milwaukee Institute of Art and  
Design  
Milwaukee School of Engineering  
Mount Mary  
Northland College  
Ripon College  
UW–Eau Claire  
UW–Green Bay  
UW–La Crosse  
UW–Madison  
UW–Milwaukee  
UW–Oshkosh  
UW–Parkside  
UW–Platteville  
UW–River Falls  
UW–Stevens Point  
UW–Stout  
UW–Superior  
UW–Whitewater  
Viterbo University  
Waukesha County Technical  
College  
Wisconsin Lutheran

### **Military Service and First Responders**

Milwaukee Fire Department  
United States Air Force  
United States Army  
United States Coast Guard  
United States Marines  
United States National Guard  
United States Navy

### **Service Organizations**

AmeriCorps  
City Year

## ***Rufus King Seniors Earn Scholarships to Notre Dame***

Congratulations to Rufus King International School seniors Jordan Anderson, who will attend the University of Notre Dame as a QuestBridge scholar, and David Akinsanya, also heading for Notre

Dame on a full-ride scholarship. Both recently celebrated their graduations from King and are beginning to prepare for their first college semester.



Jordan (pictured left) was offered his scholarship through the QuestBridge program, which is designed to help high-achieving students find scholarships. Students fill out an application, then rank their top 12 school choices from 42 QuestBridge partner schools. QuestBridge shares applications with each student's ranked schools, and schools then have the opportunity to review candidates and make offers. QuestBridge presents selected students with the offer from their highest ranked school. From among 14,926 applicants this year, only 1,127 seniors were matched for a full-ride scholarship.

Jordan learned about QuestBridge from his school counselor, Brenda Mikell, and a King alumna, Arianna Acevedo-Ithier, who also received a scholarship offer through QuestBridge. He credits the caring teachers and counselors at Rufus King, as well as the college-level courses he took, for preparing him for college. He plans to study aerospace engineering at Notre Dame.

David Akinsanya (right) has also set his sights on aerospace engineering at Notre Dame. He was contacted by Notre Dame during the school's early decision round. Notre Dame offered admission with an enormous financial aid package that required only a small family contribution.

Congratulations, Jordan and David!

Students who are interested in QuestBridge are encouraged to apply at <https://www.questbridge.org/>. Applications will open in late summer.

### ***MPS Welcomes Graduates as Newest Alumni***

The district extends a warm welcome to our newest MPS alumni – the Class of 2020! Each and every graduate is now a member of the MPS Alumni Association with opportunities to connect with other alumni and give back to their schools.

All MPS graduates, regardless of graduation year, should visit the [MPS Alumni Hub](#) to get connected. By signing up, they will receive news about MPS, other alumni, and special events for association members. In addition, a number of MPS high schools have their own alumni associations that offer meetings, news, networking, and events. These can be found under the Associations tab of Alumni Hub. A few schools are just waiting for the right energetic person to start a school association—check out the listings to learn more.

**Welcome to the MPS Forever Family!**

