

MPS Music Update

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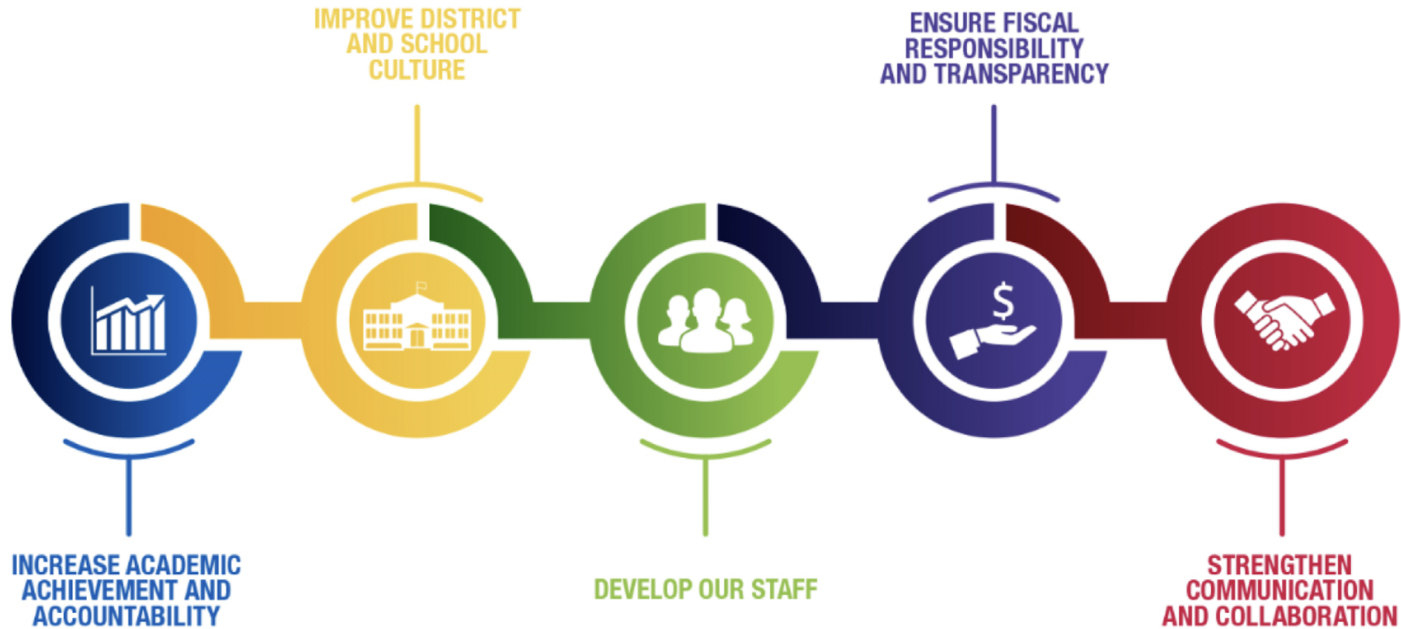
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Five Priorities for Success

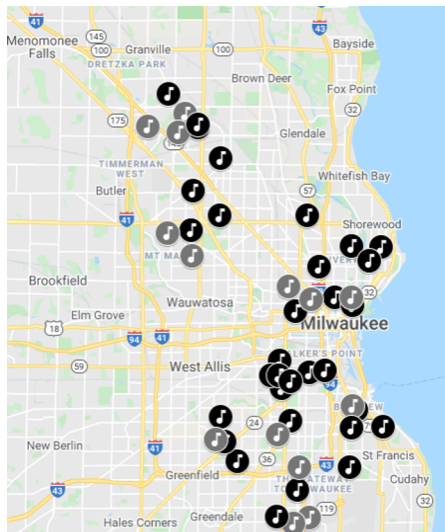


Work Completed

- In **2020-21** we added 23 teachers serving 29 schools - 13,740 children now have a certified music educator.
 - 3 Northwest, 7 Central, 5 Citywide, 7 Southwest, and 1 High School.
- In **2021-22** we will be adding 20 teachers serving 25 schools - 12,478 more children will now have a certified music educator.
 - 6 Northwest, 4 Central, 4 Citywide, 2 Southwest, and 4 High School.

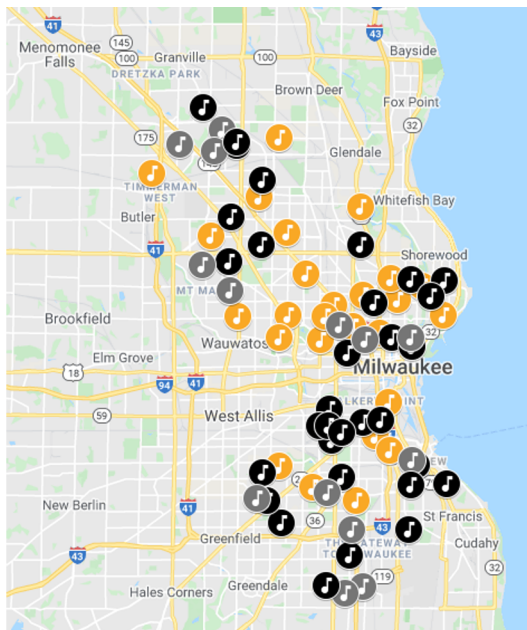


Impact of the Music Expansion

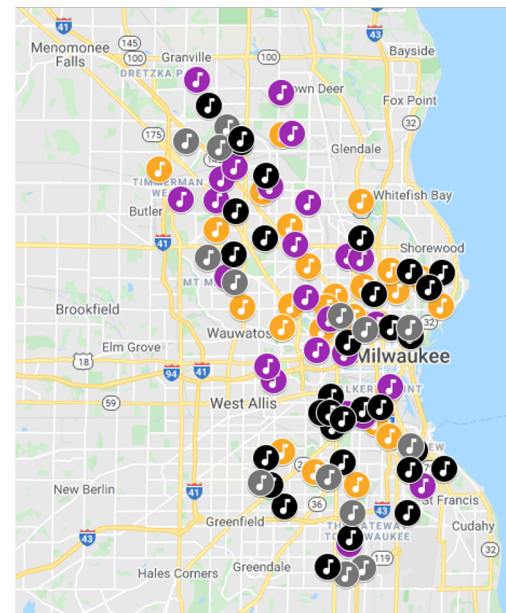


**Before the
Music Policy**

Year 1 - 2020-21



Year 2 - 2021-22



Virtual Learning - Supplies and Support

- More than 26,000 K-5 students in 46 schools received at-home music kits with instruments and supplies to play, read and compose music.
- At-home kits can be brought back to school for the reopening so that students can safely make music without sharing instruments or supplies.
- Professional Development took place throughout the school year. Presentations included: Decolonizing the Music Room, Music and Social Emotional Learning (SEL), Spanish Singing Games, and Multi-Disciplinary Integration.
- Teachers shared lessons and best practices several times per month.



Work Underway

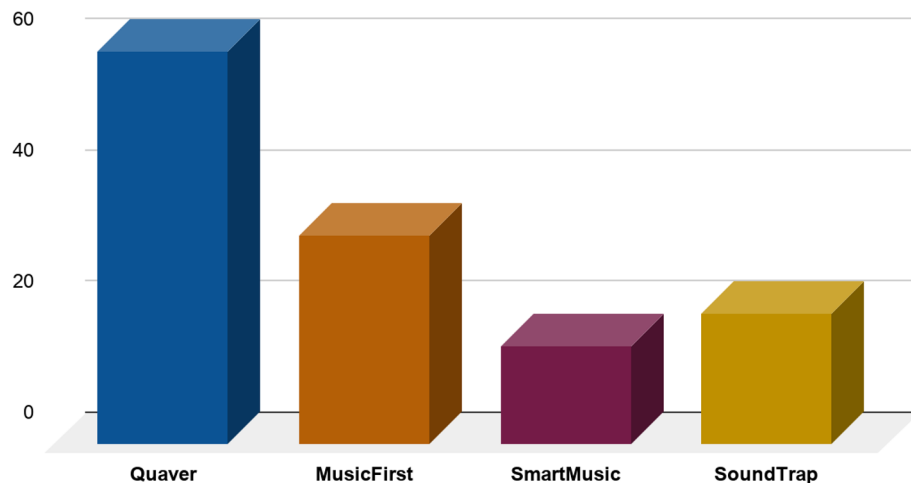


- SmartMusic, MusicFirst and SoundTrap digital platforms added as a resource for faculty and students.
- Music Technology and Production middle school and high school curriculum developed. Includes a Career and Technical Education (CTE) credit, possible dual credit with MATC, and an International Baccalaureate (IB) option.
- Modern Band Curriculum developed. Culturally responsive, implemented in three pilot schools (Audubon, King IB Middle School, Longfellow) in fall of 2021 with possible expansion to three more schools in the fall of 2022.
- MPS is now a Teach Rock District with access to multidisciplinary integrated lessons and resources.
- K-5 Standards-Aligned General Music Pacing Guide created. Grades 6-8 Band, Orchestra, Choir and Modern Band in progress.

Digital Music Platforms

- **Quaver:** 60 teachers and over 18,000 students have access to quavermusic.com and its K-8 Music Curriculum
- 32 teachers and 3,771 students are using **MusicFirst** and its seven connected digital resources.
- 15 teachers and 913 students are using **SmartMusic**
- 20 teachers and approximately 5,000 students are using **SoundTrap**

Digital Music Platforms



For the Fall



*We are building an
OUTSTANDING
Music Team!*

- Continue to plan for the 49th Biennial Music Festival.
- Supply and support 43 new music teachers who will be in their classrooms for the first time.
- With the help of our two music support teachers and the instrument specialist, we will support over 90 other classroom and travelling music teachers.

Next Steps



- Expand the Saturday music lessons to bring variety and culturally relevant offerings to more sites.
- Create a district music inventory for band, orchestra and general music instruments.
- Secure additional funding: growing programs means increased need for supplies, instruments, repair, equipment, and support personnel.
- Year three music expansion should bring music to 25 more schools (with only a few left for year four)

Thank you.

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