



Superintendent's Report – April 2022

The Superintendent's Report is designed to provide the Milwaukee Board of School Directors and the MPS community with an update on current activities under way 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.



Financial Literacy Month

Governor's Luncheon

Riverside University High School hosted the Governor's Council on Financial Literacy and Capability luncheon. This luncheon showcased MPS's commitment to educating our high school students in financial literacy before graduating by developing a mandatory finance class for all seniors. Students were able to share their stories about the course and how it has helped them and will help them moving forward. Students were able to talk about the different facets of the course that included budgeting, saving, debt, investing, planning, and other management strategies.

Finance Sessions

During the month of April, Milwaukee Public Schools promoted financial literacy to staff, students, and families. On selected Fridays in April, all students, staff, and families were invited to join fun, informative sessions at which they could participate in financial literacy games to earn prizes. The sessions were an effort to raise awareness about the importance of financial literacy and the need for effective financial education.

Sessions:

- April 8, 2022 – Financial Empowerment, Building Credit, and Managing Your Money
- April 22, 2022 – Banking: How to Manage Checking, Savings, and More
- April 29, 2022 – Investing in Your Future and Planning for College

Getting Prepared for Summer

Summer Academy

Registration for Summer Academy is now open. MPS offers a host of programming options during the regular school year that will also be offered during summer school, such as Montessori, English as a second language, special education, and bilingual programming. During Summer Academy, there are additional offerings for high school and elementary students.

The additional summer offerings for high school students are the following:

- Credit acceleration
- Career camps
- Internships
- Credit recovery

High school June session is June 9–June 29, 2022, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

High school July session is July 6–July 26, 2022, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The additional summer offerings for elementary school students are the following:

- Adventures in arts, music, and social studies
- STEM
- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Recreation camps

Elementary school session is June 27–July 27, 2022, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Earn and Learn Summer Youth Employment Program

The Earn and Learn Summer Youth Employment Program is designed to provide meaningful work experiences and career exposure to young adults 14–24 years old residing in Milwaukee County and the city of Milwaukee.

The program seeks to provide the following:

- Structured, well-organized work-based learning experiences
- Role models who encourage youth to continue in or return to school
- Career assessment, awareness, and exploration as part of the learning experience
- Opportunities that may lead to unsubsidized employment for youth making the transition from school

Participants may work up to twenty hours per week for six to eight weeks. Students can apply at www.employmilwaukee.org through May 8, 2022. Employ Milwaukee hosts professional development and job-readiness skill workshops and enrichment activities each Friday. Students may contact Ms. Ophelia King at 414-475-8128 with questions or email Employ Milwaukee at earn.learn@employmilwaukee.org.

Academic Spotlight

MPS Career and Technical Education STEM Partner Showcase

On April 12, 2022, the career and technical (CTE) office held the fourteenth annual CTE Spring STEM Showcase in partnership with Direct Supply and STEM Forward. Students from twenty-five MPS schools proudly displayed and presented their projects at exhibits that they had masterfully created. The event participation included over two hundred staff, students, and partners.

Project highlights:

- Construction of stability
- Green architecture
- Sustainability and agriculture
- Energy and collision
- Robotics and automation
- Practical CAD modeling
- 3D printing and hieroglyphics
- Video game development
- Culinary art

UNSIL (United Nations Schools of International Learning)

On April 19, 2022, MPS held the annual UNSIL World Fair at the UWM Panther Arena. This year marked the fifth anniversary of the event, which was held for students in grades 4–8 from sixteen participating MPS schools. Students presented technology-centered projects and used research skills that highlighted the mission and importance of the United Nations. Peace, security, and human rights were the focus of the students' inquiries this year.

UNSIL schools collaborate with one another to learn about countries they did not focus on at their school in collaboration with the work of the United Nations. The showcase hosted multicultural performances from various schools that included a cultural fashion show and dances representing Latin, Italian, and Ukrainian countries.

Participants at the event received a passport allowing them the opportunity to visit presentations, talk with students, and receive a sticker for their passport showing all the countries they had visited. The student projects included a variety of research boards, visuals, and electronic presentations. Students took turns showing their presentations, alternating from spectator to presenter. This allowed every student the opportunity not only to present their project but also to take part in the fair.

The 2022 participating schools are the following:

- Fairview
- Fernwood
- French Immersion
- Garland
- German Immersion
- Grant
- Lincoln Center of the Arts
- Manitoba
- Milwaukee Academy of Chinese Language
- Milwaukee School of Languages
- Ninety-Fifth Street
- Parkview
- Story
- Stuart
- Victory
- Zablocki

