



Superintendent's Report – April

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 eight strategic objectives:



Close the GAP



Re-envision Partnerships



Educate the Whole Child



Strengthen Communication Systems & Outreach Strategies



Redefine the MPS Experience



Develop Our Workforce



Rethink High Schools



Improve Organizational Processes

EVENTS/PROGRAMS/ANNOUNCEMENTS



The 3rd Annual MPS Alumni Reunion will be held on Friday, May 11, 2018 from 5:00 – 8:30 p.m. at the Tripoli Shrine Center, 3000 W. Wisconsin Avenue. RSVP by April 27, 2018 at mpsmke.com/alumni or call (414) 475-8633.



Community Conversations Regarding Office of Civil Rights (OCR) Resolution Agreement

Community Conversations on discipline will be held on the following dates. Community input is vital to our work. We see these meetings not as a way to air grievances, but to develop a plan that is fair to all.

Date	Time	School	Region
April 10, 2018	5:00 – 6:30 p.m.	Milwaukee High School of the Arts 2300 W. Highland Avenue	Central
April 11, 2018	9:00 – 10:30 a.m. 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.	Central Services – Auditorium 5225 W. Vliet Street	
April 16, 2018	5:00 – 6:30 p.m.	Bay View High School 2751 S. Lenox Street	East
April 18, 2018	5:00 – 6:30 p.m.	James Madison Academic Campus 8135 W. Florist Avenue	Northwest
April 24, 2018	5:00 – 6:30 p.m.	South Division High School 1515 W. Lapham Boulevard	Southwest Region
April 30, 2018	5:00 – 6:30 p.m.	Carmen High School – SE Campus (Pulaski HS)	Contracted Schools

Summer Learning 2018

MPS is offering two sessions for learning this summer: June Term (J-Term) from June 4 to 29, and Summer Academy from July 2 to 27. Students can attend one or both sessions. All city of Milwaukee residents, grades K5 to 12, are eligible and can enroll at select sites.

Both sessions are designed for summer fun and will include science, technology, engineering, art, and math (STEAM), field trips, and more! Students can catch up, get ahead, or just have fun learning. Summer classes help students strengthen and retain skills so they start strong in the fall. High school students can earn up to one credit in each session through credit recovery, credit acceleration, and/or internships.

J-Term and Summer Academy are free! Both are packed with music, art, science, outdoor activities, field trips, and more. J-Term provides learning for students on the early start calendar, since their school year ends in mid-May. Summer Academy is available for students on both the traditional and early start calendars. Traditional calendar students looking for options in June are encouraged to look at the variety of summer enrichment camp offerings that can be found on the [J-Term website](#).

The summer program has a variety of community partners that deliver art, coding, music, theater, outdoor education, STEM, and many other offerings. Field trips to local museums and nature centers will allow students to discover their community. Summer enrichment camps allow students to explore new ideas and abilities.



DISCOVER & EXPLORE

Catch up, strengthen skills, and get ahead!

Student Job Fair is a Success!

Nearly 700 students visited the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee for the first-ever MPS Student Job Fair. More than 60 employers were on hand to help our teens fill out applications and get ready for their first job. Students learned about local employers as well as long-term careers. To be eligible for the job fair, students were required to be 16 years or older and attend a work readiness session at their school. Work readiness sessions assist teens in developing a resume and elevator speech, preparing for interviews, selecting an interview outfit, and adopting professional behavior needed for the workplace. The sessions are part of expanded efforts to prepare every student for college and career.



Donors Choose Funding 2018

In an unprecedented act of generosity, technology company Ripple donated \$29 million to DonorsChoose.org, funding every project posted by a teacher across the country. In Milwaukee Public Schools, 110 projects posted by 89 teachers were funded, bringing a total donation of \$60,081 to the district.

Combined with other donations to these projects on DonorsChoose.org, the total value of all funded projects in MPS is \$70,956. Funding will allow teachers to acquire iPads, ear buds, bus tickets, athletic equipment, books, science supplies, art supplies, school supplies, and more. Requests ranged from about \$200 to just over \$2,000. This is the third time Milwaukee teachers have experienced a blanket donation of this type. For the past two school years, the Herb Kohl Foundation contributed to teacher projects on the DonorsChoose website, providing \$1 million to classroom projects.



Meetings from late March through mid-April follow:

- Participated on a Women's Leadership Panel at the **Women Leading Wisconsin Conference** in Elkhart Lake. It was an engaging and empowering event, connecting leaders throughout the state, providing the venue for networking and partnership opportunities.
- Visited **Rufus King High School** and stood with our wonderful students who chose to take a stand and peacefully protest during the student-led National School Walkout. We gathered together outside at 10:00 a.m. for 17 minutes — one minute for each of the individuals killed during the shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Florida last month.
- Attended the Milwaukee Succeeds Executive Committee meeting at the **Greater Milwaukee Foundation**.
- Gave welcoming remarks to **The Waters Foundation**, staff and our institute partners at the second-annual Milwaukee Systems Thinking Institute at Daniel Webster Secondary School. This was a great opportunity for learning and engagement in systems thinking work.
- Gave a keynote speech to the **Professional Women's Development Network** in Delafield on Women's Leadership. I was honored to share my story and engage with new leaders about Milwaukee Public Schools.



AWARDS/RECOGNITION

2018 Herb Kohl Foundation Awards

Principal Patricia Cifax, Curtin Elementary and **Principal Sally Schumacher, Whitman Elementary School**, were named *2018 Herb Kohl Leadership Award* recipients for setting high standards for instruction, achievement and character, and creating a climate to best serve students, families, staff, and community.

The following students and teachers were named recipients of the other Herb Kohl Educational Foundation awards:

2018 Teacher Fellows	2018 Excellence Scholars	2018 Initiative Scholars
Cheryl Crosby Transition HS	Kiva Carman-Frank King IB HS	Kenrese Cain-White Washington HS
Sarah Fadness Milw. School of Languages	Ruth Fetaw King IB HS	Brian Jimenez Audubon HS
Sarah Ozurumba ALBA	Biluge Ntabala MHSA	Kat Mazang Milw. School of Languages
Jennifer Reinert Grantosa Drive	Alayna Perry King IB HS	Biak Nung Hamilton HS
Patricia Rian Wedgewood	Karinna Piwek King IB HS	
Amber Thornton King IB HS	Kellen Sharp Reagan HS	
Rochelle Vljaj Transition HS	Azeb Weldemariam MHSA	
Karla Zuehlke IDEAL		

Sydnee Roby is Gatorade Wisconsin Girls' Basketball Player of the Year

Sydnee Roby, a junior at **Rufus King High School** was awarded one of the most prestigious awards in high school sports. Sydnee was selected from hundreds of student athletes based on her athletic excellence, academic achievement, and exemplary character.

Sydnee maintains a 3.09 grade point average and volunteers at a local homeless shelter. A 6-foot-4 center, she averages 17 points, 11 rebounds, 2.7 blocks, and 2 assists per game. She has been a two-time Conference player of the year, was a unanimous First Team All-State selection as a sophomore, and was named to the Associated Press All-State First Team and the USA TODAY ALL-USA Wisconsin First Team.

Sydnee will receive a prize package with exciting items for herself and her school.

- A trophy for the school to keep and another for herself
- A banner for the school to display recognizing the award
- A Gatorade Sideline Kit containing products and premiums for her team

Sydnee will also select a local charity or sport association to receive a \$1,000 donation from Gatorade, and has the opportunity to nominate her school for a \$10,000 grant from Gatorade.



Wisconsin High School Regional Mock Trial Competition

Sixty MPS high school students participated in Mock Trial programming, and 22 of them competed in the Regional Mock Trial Competition at the Federal Courthouse. Since its inception in 1983, the Wisconsin High School Mock Trial Program has brought our legal system to life for thousands of students. Using facts and case materials developed by Wisconsin attorneys, students gained a deeper understanding of the court system as they developed their arguments and built their cases. **Bradley Tech High School's** Mock Trial team received the "*Spirit of Mock Trial*" award from the State Bar of Wisconsin.

