



**MILWAUKEE
PUBLIC SCHOOLS**



Superintendent’s Report – April 2023

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.



Herb Kohl Educational Foundation Award Recipients



MPS is in the spotlight with nine students, eleven teachers, and one principal receiving the 2023 Herb Kohl Educational Foundation scholarships and awards.

Five MPS students received the Excellence Scholarship for demonstrating academic excellence, high motivation, and a broad range of activities and leadership. Four students received the Initiative Scholarship for demonstrating initiative in school and strong promise for success in college and beyond. Excellence Scholars and Initiative Scholars received \$10,000 to pursue higher education.

Eleven teachers throughout MPS received the Teacher Honoree Award for demonstrating leadership, service in the classroom, and the ability to motivate students and inspire a love of learning. One MPS principal received the Principal Honoree Award for setting high standards, demonstrating achievement and character, and creating a climate to best serve students, families, staff, and the community. Teachers and Principal Honorees each received \$6,000 for their commitment and hard work.

We applaud and congratulate all the award recipients. [View the complete list of all the award recipients.](#)

MPS Career and Technical Education Spring STEM Partner Showcase

On April 13, 2023, Career and Technical Education held its fifteenth annual Spring STEM Partner Showcase in partnership with the much-appreciated support of Direct Supply. Students from twenty-two schools proudly displayed and presented their projects and exhibits that they had spent weeks and months creating. This event is a true demonstration of our partnering relationships, their success, and the unmeasurable benefit to our students.

Some project highlights included the following:

- Coding with Animals
- Tiny House Design with Renewable Energy
- Casa de Pajaros
- Furniture Design and Mini Golf
- FIRSTTech Challenge Robot

Strategic Planning Feedback Sessions

Milwaukee Public Schools will have held three of its five strategic planning feedback sessions by April 19, 2023, with two more to be held on April 27 and 29. The sessions are designed to share the results from community, family, staff, and student surveys, engage in table talk, and receive feedback to help develop the final plan that will take effect beginning in the 2023–24 school year.

Survey data can be found on the [2023–2028 Strategic Plan](#) web page.

Go to our home page for a [full list of sessions, dates, times, and locations of all the strategic planning feedback sessions.](#)

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:

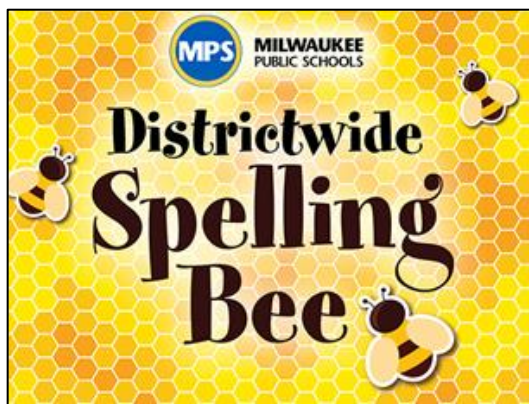
- Structured, well-organized work-based learning experiences
- Role models who encourage youth to continue in or return to school
- Career assessment, awareness, and exploration as part of the learning experience
- Opportunities that may lead to unsubsidized employment for youth making the transition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

Participants may work up to twenty hours per week for six to eight weeks. Students can apply at www.employmilwaukee.org. 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.

Districtwide Spelling Bee

Milwaukee Public Schools students face off on Saturday, April 15, and Saturday, April 22, 2023, to find the best spellers in the district. We are excited for this competition and encourage classmates, families, staff, and community members alike to join us in the fun as we witness students battle it out for the “bee” trophy. We wish all the students good luck and a spirited competition.

- Saturday, April 15, 2023, Grades 3–5
9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.
- Saturday, April 22, 2023, Grades 6–8
9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.



The MPS 2023 Districtwide Spelling Bee takes place at Vincent High School, 7501 N. Granville Road, Milwaukee.

UNSIL (United Nations Schools of International Learning)

In 1945, fifty countries came together to draft and then sign the UN Charter, which created an international organization—the United Nations—with the hope of preventing another world war.

Today, our students participate in UNSIL as they learn about the world, countries, cultures, laws, and civil liberties. On April 18, 2023, MPS held its annual UNSIL World Fair at the UWM Panther Arena. This year marked the sixth anniversary of the event, which was held for students in grades 4–8 from sixteen participating MPS schools. Students presented an array of projects that were all research-based and that highlighted the mission and importance of the United Nations.

Participants at the event engaged with others, viewed projects, participated in meaningful conversations, and learned about places and practices outside the United States.

The 2023 participating schools were the following:

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

Cantos de las Américas



Cantos de las Américas is an arts celebration that honors the varied cultures represented by students of Milwaukee Public Schools. On April 14, students dazzled the audience as they performed cultural songs and dances representing African, Caribbean, Latin American, European, Hmong, Laotian, and Native American cultures.

Families attended Cantos de las Américas and enthusiastically enjoyed the artistic performances of children that showcased the splendor of dances, art forms, and music from a variety of cultural heritages.

Milwaukee Public Schools has celebrated Cantos de las Américas since 1990 and looks forward to this event every year. If you missed it this year, we encourage you to attend next year. We are truly proud of our students for sharing their talents with us and applaud their performance.