



REPORT TO THE MILWAUKEE BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS: MARCH 2025

The Office of Accountability and Efficiency (OAE) was established to enhance transparency, oversight, and accountability to the District's financial operations; to evaluate fiscal performance; and to recommend solutions in furtherance of fiscal stewardship of Milwaukee Public Schools.

Accountability and Efficiency Services

Between February 16, 2025, and March 8, 2025, Accountability and Efficiency Services completed one constituent inquiry and satisfied one impartial hearing officer (IHO) request.

During the reporting period, the OAE has focused most of its effort and attention on the Corrective Action Plan (CAP) under DPI. CAP 2 was approved by the Board on January 30, 2025, and the OAE is managing the project in conjunction with the Administration as set forth in the plan.

Accountability and Efficiency Services also continued to support the District's implementation of Administrative Policies 3.09 and 6.35.

Contract Compliance Services (CCS)

This month, the CCS team focused on strengthening Student Engagement Programming. Ten (10) student interns were successfully interviewed and hired for roles in administration, ambassador (peer mentoring), counseling, and library management. These positions provide valuable work-based learning opportunities for MPS students.

We continue to foster partnerships within the District and with external sponsors to advance these initiatives. CCS remains steadfast in supporting the District's implementation of Administrative Policies 3.10 and 3.13, ensuring compliance and promoting student engagement.

Audit Services

The Audit Services area under the OAE provides independent assurance that the District's risk management, governance, and internal control processes are operating effectively.

Updates in the Audit Services area for the current reporting period of February 15, 2025, through March 7, 2025, include:

Audit Completions and Activities:

- Corrective Action Plan updates: updated Board Rule and Audit Committee Charter along with BG 2.12 and BG 1.18 and these will be presented at the March 18th LRP committee meeting and March 20th Board meeting
- Issued two school audits and one charter school audit
- Scheduled one new principal school audit
- Reviewed five charter school external auditor's reports
- Conducting several ongoing investigations resulting from Fraud Hotline Tips
- Recorded the 46th fraud hotline tips this fiscal year, which equals the number of complaints received for the entire FY24
- Provided analysis and feedback to the Procurement Department on certain contract services matters

- Audit Services has scheduled the Association of Local Government Auditors (ALGA) Peer Review for our office for the week of April 14, 2025
- Participation in the RFP evaluation committee for the selection of the District's external financial auditor covering FY25-FY27 completed and recommendation to be brought forward at the upcoming AFP meeting
- Recruited for an Audit Supervisor position and extended offer to candidate that was accepted