

REPORT OF THE BOARD'S DELEGATE TO THE DISTRICT ADVISORY COUNCIL (DAC)

March 21, 2024

Submitted by Director Leonard

VIRTUAL MEETING FEBRUARY 1, 2024

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Family and Community Engagement Report
2. Review February 1, 2024 meeting minutes

NEW BUSINESS

1. Director Henry Leonard, District #7 Engagement
2. DAC Leadership Opportunities
3. MPS Board Information

DISCUSSION

1. Multi-Faceted Communication in MPS
 - a. Nicole Armendariz, Director of Communications & Marketing
 - b. Timothy Remshak, Webmaster
2. Removal of Certificate of Completion option for some Special Education students
3. and what that means.
 - a. Travis Pinter, Senior Director of Specialized Services
 - b. Jennifer Mims Howell, Chief Academic Officer

DAC FAMILY ENGAGEMENT REPORT

Celebrating Abilities Family Forum

Milwaukee Public Schools hosted a family forum focusing on the needs of special education students and their families on March 9th. The event helped families learn more about special education services, programs and summer opportunities. This family-friendly event included informative workshops on The Family's Role in the IEP Process, Transition to High School, Special Olympics transition from School to Community, Caring for the Whole Family, and more. Several experts and over 30 vendors with many resources were present.

Learn About The MPS Referendum

Milwaukeeans will cast their votes in the spring election on April 2, 2024, to decide the Milwaukee Public Schools referendum question that will be on the ballot.

MPS is facing a \$200 million budget shortfall in the 2024-25 fiscal year because of the State of Wisconsin's chronic underfunding of schools. Districts across Wisconsin are placing referenda on the ballot because state funding has not kept pace with inflation.

Spring Testing

Milwaukee Public Schools will begin spring testing on March 12. The district is required to use standardized exams to measure student achievement in English language arts, math, science, and social studies. The type of test and testing dates vary by grade level. On March 12, high school juniors will take the ACT test, which is required on many college applications. On April 10, high school freshmen and

sophomores will take the Pre-ACT test, which prepares students for the ACT and is a measure of how students are performing.