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REPORT TO THE MILWAUKEE BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS: APRIL 2024

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 March 9, 2024 and April 6, 2024, Accountability and Efficiency Services completed one constituent inquiry, seven special projects, and six information requests. The OAE also satisfied one impartial hearing officer (IHO) request.

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

Contract Compliance Services (CCS)

During this reporting period, Contract Compliance Services (CCS) staff members focused on our Student Engagement Programming.

On March 20th and April 4th, CCS staff participated in district sponsored student job fairs, educating high school juniors and seniors on the CCS internship and training opportunities that are available to them.

Four student interns underwent interviews across diverse industries, resulting in the successful recruitment of three interns within the fields of administrative services, construction, and library management.

Contract Compliance Services continued to support the District's implementation of Administrative Policies 3.10 and 3.13

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 include:

- Audit Completions and Substantially Complete
 - o One partnership audit completed
 - o Four school audits to be issued during the week of April 8th

Audits Underway

- Expulsion audit opening meeting held April 2nd. Preliminary field work commencing during the week of April 8th.
- Accounts Payable audit opening meeting held during the week of March 11th. Field work ongoing.

- Investigations
 - o Continued monitoring of the Fraud Hotline with several ongoing investigations underway
- Operational Updates
 - o Recruitment process underway for Auditor I position. Interview panel being identified.
 - o FY25 budget developed reflecting audit structure updates