

# REPORT OF THE BOARD'S DELEGATE TO THE DISTRICT ADVISORY COUNCIL

January 25, 2024

Submitted by Director Leonard

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4, 2024

VIRTUAL MEETING

## CONSENT AGENDA

1. Family and Community Engagement Report
2. Review December 7, 2023 Meeting Minutes

### *Take Our Budget Survey*

Help address the funding shortfall for public education!

Students, families, staff, and community members are invited to take part in a survey to aid decision making. Access the survey at <https://mpsmke.com/budgetsurvey>

Wisconsin public schools are facing budget concerns because of insufficient state funding. Had state funding kept pace with inflation, MPS would have more than \$210 million in additional support annually. Also, students with disabilities, who make up 19% of the MPS student population, are significantly underfunded by the state by at least \$50 million annually.

Questions and feedback can be submitted to [Budget25@milwaukee.k12.wi.us](mailto:Budget25@milwaukee.k12.wi.us).

### *MPS Schools Will Move to Single Calendar*

At the December 21, 2023, meeting of the Milwaukee Board of School Directors, a resolution was passed that will move all MPS schools to a single calendar.

Beginning in Fall 2024, school will start after Labor Day. Families can learn more about school calendars or view calendars on the MPS School Calendars webpage.

### *Save the Date! Kindergarten Enrollment Fair*

Will your child turn 3, 4, or 5 by September 1, 2024? It's time to think about kindergarten! Kindergarten Enrollment for Fall 2024 will begin Saturday, February 3, 2024, and will kick off with an enrollment fair at South Division High School.

Mark your calendar to attend the Kindergarten Enrollment Fair on February 3, 2024, from 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. Details will follow soon.

### *Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP)*

The Affordable Connectivity Program is designed to help families to afford the internet.

A federal program, the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP), provides a \$30/month discount on home internet service. As all schools in Milwaukee Public Schools (MPS) participate in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP), households with MPS students are automatically eligible for this discount.

Two internet providers in Milwaukee, Spectrum and AT&T, offer home internet service for \$30/month for households that qualify for the ACP.

This means that you can sign up for the ACP at [ACPbenefit.org](http://ACPbenefit.org) and then sign up for \$30/month internet service with Spectrum or AT&T.

### *MPS Reads*

Each month, MPS provides a list of recommended books for preschool through grade 12 that allows students to see themselves, explore other cultures, and discover more about the world in which they live. Help ignite a passion for reading! Access the monthly book list on the MPS Reads page.

## *Milwaukee Board of School Directors*

### *Upcoming Meetings: January*

If you'd like to follow the meetings of the Milwaukee Board of School Directors, visit the Milwaukee Board of School Directors page to find the meeting schedule, agendas, and links to watch or listen to live meetings. Instructions for public testimony are also offered on this page.

Committee on Parent and Community Engagement: Tues. Jan. 9, 5:30 p.m.

Committee on Student Achievement and School Innovation: Thurs. Jan. 11, 5:30 p.m.

Committee on Accountability, Finance, and Personnel: Tues. Jan. 16, 5:30 p.m.

Committee on Strategic Planning and Budget: Tues. Jan. 23, 5:30 p.m.

Regular Monthly Board Meeting: Thurs. Jan. 25, 5:30 p.m.

How to Provide Public Testimony

### *Stay Connected!*

MPS offers tools to help families find the information and support they need. Log in to the Campus Parent Portal, download the MPS App for updates, and follow us on social media. The Parent Coordinator at your child's school also can assist.

Campus Parent Portal Technical Support

Live Parent Portal (Campus Parent) support is available from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

To recover a username/password: Parents/guardians should email [parentportal@milwaukee.k12.wi.us](mailto:parentportal@milwaukee.k12.wi.us).

Include the parent/guardian name, child's name, birth date, and a contact number. If you do not receive a phone call or email within 24 hours, please call (414) 475-8159 for further assistance.

For assistance setting up a new Parent Portal account: Parents/guardians may call (414) 475-8159 or email [parentportal@milwaukee.k12.wi.us](mailto:parentportal@milwaukee.k12.wi.us).

## **NEW BUSINESS**

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

## **DISCUSSION**

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1. Formal and Informal School Parent Groups (PTA/O and Family Leadership Organizations)
  - a. Erin Hughes, Milwaukee Spanish Immersion School Parent
  - b. Traci McKean, Milwaukee German Immersion School PTA President
2. MPS Budget Shortfall Update
  - a. Chris Thiel, Legislative Policy Manager
  - b. Nick Sinram, Director of Financial Planning & Budget
3. School Resource Officers Proposal
  - a. Matthew Boswell, Senior Director – Student Services
  - b. Nicole Coleman, Manager III – Student Services

