



The Superintendent’s Report is designed to provide the Milwaukee Board of School Directors and the MPS community with an update on current activities underway 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*.



## Superintendent’s Report – June

At the beginning of the month, we gathered at Congress School for the June Summer Academy first day opening where staff, students, and families were welcomed. There was a great deal of enthusiasm exhibited by our students — it was clear they were ready to learn!

As June 13 was the last student day for those schools on the traditional calendar, we have now officially completed the 2018–19 school year. Our school leaders, staff, and students deserve appreciation for completing the year on a positive note. Students were engaged in learning activities and there were many opportunities to celebrate students’ accomplishments to conclude the school year.

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## EVENTS/PROGRAMS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

### School partners honored at appreciation event

Community partners bring many forms of support to MPS schools, and on June 6, 2019, the Department of Strategic Partnerships and Customer Service hosted a breakfast to thank its many corporate, Fortune 500, community-based, and faith-based partners. MPS is grateful for the tutoring, scholarships, supply drives, events, in-kind and material donations, and financial support of our partners!



Of the 161 schools in MPS, approximately 120 have at least one partner. A number of these partners participate in the Adopt-a-School model, providing ongoing involvement throughout the school year. More than 40 new or renewed relationships were forged with partners this school year. These partnerships have resulted in over \$750,000 in support through a variety of pathways.



### 2019 Appreciation Breakfast Attendees

Ahmadiyya Muslim Community	Greater Milwaukee Committee	Mortenson
Al Hurvis/ADAMM Education Foundation	Groundwork Milwaukee	Office of U.S. Senator Tammy Baldwin
American Transmission Company	James Place	Operation Warm
Archdiocese of Milwaukee	Junior Achievement	Rockwell Automation
Aurora Health Care	Kingdom Kidz EduCare Academy	Scholastic
Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Milwaukee	Marcus Center for the Performing Arts	SecureFutures
Christopher Kidd & Associates, LLC	Marquette University	Sikich LLP
Diversatek	Mercy Memorial Baptist Church	St. Martin de Porres Parish
Educators Credit Union	Milwaukee Bucks	STEM Forward
FBI	Milwaukee County – OAAA	The Episcopal Diocese of Milwaukee
GE Healthcare	Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office	UnitedHealthcare
GO Riteway Transportation Group	MKE Leaders	Urban Ecology Center
GPS Education Partners	MMAC	We Energies



### Mary Horwitt piano scholarship winners

The following students were awarded \$300 – \$500 Mary Horwitt Piano Scholarships for the 2019–20 school year.

**Viannys Colon – Fairview, 8th Grade**

**Thomas Bastardo – Golda Meir, 6th Grade**

**Abigail Oleszek – Wedgewood, 7th Grade**

**Sophia Luna – I.D.E.A.L., 6th Grade**

**Magdalena Lulewicz – Rufus King, 11th Grade**

**Benjamin Blazkovec – Fairview, 6th Grade**



## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR TRACK AND FIELD ATHLETES

Congratulations are in order for our student athletes participating in track and field. MPS was well represented with 18 qualifying athletes at the **Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association Track & Field Championships** held at Veterans Memorial Stadium Complex on the campus of University of Wisconsin – LaCrosse. We are MPS Proud of all of our student athletes and would like to give a special shout out to the following individuals who placed among the top of their respective events.



### GIRLS

Race	Place	Student	School
100 Meter	1st Place	Amari Brown	Rufus King
100 Meter	7th Place	Camarii Tellis	Rufus King
200 Meter	1st Place	Amari Brown	Rufus King
4 x 100 Meter Relay	1st Place	Camarii Tellis	Rufus King
4 x 100 Meter Relay	1st Place	Amari Brown	Rufus King
4 x 100 Meter Relay	1st Place	Rosie Cramer	Rufus King
4 x 100 Meter Relay	1st Place	Makayla Jackson	Rufus King
Long Jump	3rd Place	Camarii Tellis	Rufus King
Long Jump	4th Place	Makayla Jackson	Rufus King

### BOYS

Race	Place	Student	School
100 Meter	1st Place	Elijah Johnson	Washington
200 Meter	1st Place	Elijah Johnson	Washington
Long Jump	5th Place	Dionte Levington	WCLL

## MPS students soar in aeronautics careers through summer internships

At a kickoff event at Mitchell International Airport, 35 students from nine MPS schools were welcomed into summer internships. Participants will work full time for seven weeks in airline operations, administration, ground support, safety, customer service, and more.

The **Aviation Careers Education (ACE)** program is a partnership among Milwaukee Public Schools, Milwaukee

County, Mitchell International Airport, and the Wisconsin Department of Transportation. ACE is designed to open career pathways for teens and offer hands-on experiences in aviation and related fields.

On hand to launch the program were **County Executive Chris Abele, Secretary-Designee of the Wisconsin Department of Transportation Craig Thompson, MPS Director of College and Career Readiness Dr. John Hill, Aviation Education Program Manager for the WisDOT Meredith Alt, and ACE Intern Program Coordinator Jack Lake.** Students and employers were introduced to the crowd and then assumed their work duties.

Through internships and apprenticeships, MPS provides students with real-world work experiences to help them explore careers and gain valuable employable skills. MPS has numerous placements throughout the city for students to work and learn.



## Arts & Humanities partners present accomplishments at 2019 showcase

In late May, dozens of local organizations attended the **Milwaukee High School of the Arts** for the second annual **Partnership for the Arts & Humanities Showcase and Resource Fair.**

The Partnership is an allocation of \$1.5 million dollars approved annually by the Milwaukee Board of School Directors to support after-school and summer arts and humanities-related opportunities for children, youth, and families. After a rigorous application review process, funds are released to community-based organizations planning to partner with schools and/or youth serving agencies.



A dollar-for-dollar match requirement encourages new partnerships between community based organizations, schools, youth serving agencies and the funding community, and promotes the use of additional funds for programming during the school day.

The showcase — which featured 28 partners at the resource fair and 14 performing or presenting inside the auditorium — allowed for these organizations to connect with each other, provided additional information for interested families and potential funders, and helped expand the reach of the partnership.

The performances were truly the highlight of the night, including an African drum and dance routine from the Xalaat Africa Drum and Dance for Life, a riveting Hmong dance performance from the Hmong American Friendship Association, and the screening of “Exposure,” a well-executed short film from the COA.

The Partnership has now completed 12 years as it strives to strengthen community partnerships that motivate students to higher levels of achievement through different types of learning.

## AWARDS/RECOGNITION

### Burdick places tenth in national vocabulary competition

Students at MPS **A.E. Burdick School** earned Highest Honors in the 2018–19 WordMasters Challenge™. This national vocabulary competition involves nearly 150,000 students annually.

The sixth-grade team scored an impressive 186 points out of a possible 200 points over three meets this year, placing tenth in the nation. The sixth-graders also placed tenth nationally in the overall competition with a cumulative score of 535 points out of a possible 600. The team is coached by Burdick teacher **Joe Conti**, with fellow 6th-grade teacher **Carolynne Stanioch** providing vocabulary reinforcement.

Competing in the difficult Blue Division of the WordMasters Challenge™, sixth grader **Ada Melendez** earned a perfect score of 20 in a recent meet. Nationally, only 49 sixth graders achieved this result.

Other Burdick students who achieved outstanding scores in the final meet of the year include sixth-graders **Will Berger, Josi Estremera, Tyler Jung, and Brodie Stenseth**.

The WordMasters Challenge™ is an exercise in critical thinking that encourages students to become familiar with a set of new words (harder than grade level), and challenges participants to use those words to complete analogies expressing various kinds of logical relationships. Working to solve the analogies helps students learn to think both analytically and metaphorically. These competitions are particularly well suited for children who are motivated by the challenge of learning new words and enjoy the logical puzzles posed by analogies.



## INCREASING OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENT VOICE

A shared goal of the Milwaukee Board of School Directors and the Administration is providing increased opportunities for student voice throughout the district and at the monthly Board meetings. This month I would like to highlight the students who participated in the 2018–19 MPS Student Leadership Summit. The students will share their experiences related to this unique leadership opportunity.

