

# REPORT OF THE BOARD'S DELEGATE TO THE DISTRICT ADVISORY COUNCIL ACTIVITIES OF OCTOBER 2022 REGULAR MEETING

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November 17, 2022

Submitted by Director Leonard

## MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

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I was pleased be asked to welcome participants back to the District Advisory Council after our summer hiatus. New members were given an orientation.

This year, we would like to explore better ways to connect the DAC to schools, including bringing teachers in. The participants discussed topics they'd like to discuss more, including special education and transportation. Participants want to see more of a "candid" presentation style, limiting district presenter time in favor of a more conversational, town-hall format. Ideally, presentations would be shaped by what parents want to hear.

The DAC will also focus on training parents on how to better engage with the Board. I am excited about increasing parental involvement in the DAC and engagement with the Board.

All meetings will be virtual for the time being.

## FUTURE EVENTS

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### DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. SPEECH, ART & WRITING CONTESTS

This year's Dr. Martin Luther King Contests focus is Working Towards a World of Peace. For the 2022 preliminary contests, educators are asked to familiarize students with Dr. King's beliefs, words, and actions, focusing on this year's theme. New resources to support and guide our students and teachers with their submissions are included in the 2022 MLK study guide.

The deadline to enter is November 18, 2022.

### TRANSITIONS FOR STUDENTS IN SPECIAL EDUCATION

Families with students receiving special education services should plan to attend information sessions about preparing for high school and supporting children's growth. Virtual sessions will be offered on October 12 and November 16 and two in-person sessions will be offered February 8 and March 9. Attend all four events or select those that interest you.

For more information, see the flyer attached to this report.

### 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 November book list on the MPS Reads page.

## **APPLY FOR COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS**

MPS scholarship information is on Xello and contained in an MPS Scholarship Google Folder. The folder contains event flyers, scholarship application materials, presentations, and the 2022–23 Milwaukee Public Schools Scholarships & College and Career Opportunity List. All the materials can be viewed, downloaded, and printed. Students and parents can visit the MPS Scholarships web page for additional resources on college affordability and meet with their school counselor and/or College and Career Centers advisor for one-on-one help.

## **SCHOLARSHIPS FOR HEALTH CARE CAREERS - APPLY BY DECEMBER 1**

The University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee (UWM) offers scholarships for MPS students! Applications for the Froedtert Memorial Hospital Scholarship of \$5,000 are open now. Fill out your Federal Application for Free Student Aid (FAFSA) and apply by December 1, 2022. More scholarships are available for Milwaukee students who will attend UWM! Visit the UWM Scholarships and Financial Aid page and Milwaukee High School Student Scholarships to find out more.



MILWAUKEE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## Special Education Workshops

# Transition Planning for Parents/Guardians & Students



Parents/guardians of students receiving special education services are invited to join us for four (two virtual and two in person) sessions to help prepare their child for high school. MPS will offer valuable steps to ensure each student succeeds in grade 9 and beyond. Attend all sessions or select individual workshops that are appropriate to your needs.

<p><b>October 12, 2022</b> 5:30 – 7 p.m. <b>Virtual</b></p>	<p><b>High School Enrollment</b> – This overview looks at the High School Enrollment process, including the updated criteria scores and new application process.</p>
<p><b>November 16, 2022</b> 5:30 – 7 p.m. <b>Virtual</b></p>	<p><b>Transition Planning for All Ages</b> – Why transition planning is important and what it looks like at each stage of the child’s development.</p>
<p><b>February 8, 2023</b> 5:30 – 7 p.m. <b>In Person</b></p>	<p><b>Transition to High School</b> – Focus on 8th grade students moving to high school. A panel of high school teachers will be part of this session.</p>
<p><b>March 9, 2023</b> 5:30 – 7 p.m. <b>In Person</b></p>	<p><b>Skills Assessment</b> – Learn about your child’s unique strengths, interests, talents, and preferences so families can understand how to best support the educational process and their child’s personal growth.</p>

In-person sessions will be held at MPS Central Services at 5225 W. Vliet St., Milwaukee, 53208

Register at: <https://tinyurl.com/Transitionseries2022>

For questions or to request interpretation services, contact Monica López at [lopezmm@milwaukee.k12.wi.us](mailto:lopezmm@milwaukee.k12.wi.us) or (414) 902-8434.

*Spanish interpretation available.*

