



REPORT TO THE MILWAUKEE BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS: FEBRUARY 2020

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.

The Office of Accountability and Efficiency continues to make progress on a broad strategic planning process, which began in July 2019. Having completed work on office structuring and strategic alignment analysis, the Office of Accountability and Efficiency continues to make progress on the development of the OAE Fiscal Year 2021 (FY21) Work Plan. The Plan, which will include work to be completed during FY21, anticipated outcomes, and means of assessment, will continue to be developed throughout the first quarter of 2020. The Plan will be transmitted to the Board during the second quarter of 2020 to ensure work can begin on July 1, 2020.

Accountability and Efficiency Services

Between January 22, 2020 and February 18, 2020, Accountability and Efficiency Services fulfilled seven requests for information. One of the requests included completion of a mapping project to support the MPS Department of Research, Assessment, and Data in gathering information for inclusion in grant funding applications.

Also during the reporting period, Accountability and Efficiency Services conducted an analysis of district fund balances as reported in the 2019 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). This analysis is conducted annually in alignment with Board Governance Policies 3.01 and 3.08, which charge the Office of Accountability and Efficiency with evaluating the fiscal performance of the MPS.

Additionally, Accountability and Efficiency Services fulfilled six constituent inquiries, satisfied three independent hearing officer (IHO) assignment requests, and completed four process improvement projects.

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

Contract Compliance Services

During the reporting period, Contract Compliance Services began work on an employment training road map aligned with Administrative Policy 3.13, Communities in Need. The road map will be inclusive of industry and community partners. This work is being conducted in response to a request made by the Board's Committee on Accountability, Finance, and Personnel at its January 2020 meeting. Contract Compliance Services anticipates bringing an update on the outcomes of this work to the Board during the April 2020 Board cycle.

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