

The Bilingual task force met on Wednesday, October 27, 2021, for the first meeting of the school year. During this meeting there was an overview of the progress made toward the four points of focus asked for by the Milwaukee Board of School Directors.

Those points are:

- 1) Financial support from MPS and the specific out-of-pocket costs to future Bilingual and World Language teachers
- 2) Protocols so that bilingual and world language teachers complete their student teaching on the job at MPS
- 3) Examine alternative ways of assessing the language proficiency of bilingual employees and on how to engage DPI on standards for bilingual and related certification
- 4) Examine the most efficient and effective way to reorganize programs and support systems to advocate and nurture educators for the expansion of bilingualism in MPS

There was time for questions and answers and next steps were discussed. The information shared at this meeting was shared again on Monday, November 1, 2021.