

# MKE Early Childhood Initiative Update

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# 5 Priorities for Success



# Early Childhood Initiative Purpose

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**Mission:** To ensure all educators directly impacting our students' learning possess the understanding, skill set, knowledge base, capacity and resources needed to provide high-quality instruction to all students participating in early childhood education programs.

**Vision:** All students participating in MPS-EC will be adequately prepared to ensure they achieve grade-level proficiency in reading, writing and math by third grade.

# Early Childhood Initiative Overview

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- Background
  - Historical information
  - Student population of Milwaukee County
  - Identification of need
- Rationale
  - Research base
- Collaborative Efforts



# Early Childhood Initiative Elements

| Element   | Description   |
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| Instruction   | To ensure that high-quality, research-based instruction is provided for all early childhood students  |
| Family Support  | To provide families support as students transition from early care centers to MPS (kindergarten)  |
| Social/Emotional Learning (SEL) and Cultural and Linguistic Needs | To provide support to address SEL as well as the cultural and linguistic needs of students to mitigate all challenges that could potentially impede educational development |
| Early Childhood Staff Development                                 | To provide high-quality professional learning opportunities for all early childhood care providers and educators  |
| Equitable Resources   | To assure that early childhood programs are equitably equipped with resources to meet the needs of the children and families they serve                                     |



# Early Childhood Initiative Quick Wins

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- Strategic plan development
  - Scope of the initiative
- Collaborative efforts
  - Weekly/Monthly meetings
  - Frog Street professional development
    - Additional resources
  - State collaboration
- Research analysis
  - Best practices



# Early Childhood Initiative Next Steps

## Workgroup collaboration

- Engaging stakeholders
- Identifying resource needs
- Reviewing and revising goals
- Ongoing opportunities for professional development
- Aligning school and community resources

## Strategic plan execution

- Increasing 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers (CLC) certification by Young Star
- Expanding/Maximizing full day K3 programming
- Aligning of Wisconsin Model Early Learning Standards (WMELS)
- Aligning of core curriculum to Common Core State Standards (CCSS)
- Implementing instructional practices with fidelity

## Strategic plan monitoring

- Communicating and ensuring alignment
- Focusing on the identified goals/elements
- Ensuring accountability
- Producing action oriented results
- Monitoring progress



# Thank you.

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