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REPORT TO THE MILWAUKEE BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS: JUNE 2021

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. Each month, the OAE monthly report will provide a highlight of one area of the OAE Work Plan and Work Plan progress from the previous month.

June is the last month of the OAE's FY21 Work Plan. A final report on work completed as part of the FY21 Work Plan will be transmitted to the Board subsequent to the close of the FY21 year on June 30, 2021. Additionally, the OAE's FY22 Work Plan is attached. Implementation of the FY22 Work Plan will begin July 1, 2021.

Work Plan Highlight: Historically Underutilized Business Program (HUB)

In accordance with Administrative Policy 3.10, Historically Underutilized Business Program, the HUB program strives to increase the number of diverse business enterprises that supply goods and services to the District. It is the declared policy of the Board and its administration to aid, assist, and protect, to the extent justified by the evidence, the interests of historically underutilized business (HUB) concerns in order to preserve free competitive enterprise and to ensure that a fair proportion of the total purchases and contracts or subcontracts for goods and services for MPS be placed with HUBs. HUBs, are for profit businesses that are 51% or more owned, controlled, and managed by minority, women, disadvantaged, SBA-8A, or other MPS targeted business owners that are certified by a recognized agency. MPS routinely identifies business opportunities to certified HUB firms in its competitive bid/RFP process.

Accountability and Efficiency Services

Between May 17, 2021 and June 14, 2021, Accountability and Efficiency Services fulfilled eight requests for information/research, two constituent inquiries, four requests for data analysis, and two special projects.

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

Contract Compliance Services

This month, Contract Compliance Services received a designated support team from the Department of Workforce Development to submit its pre-apprenticeship application for Communities In Need (COIN). The specialists will assist the team with advancing efforts including renewed commitments from Mission Aligned Partners (MAPs) to scale project-based training and equitable employment opportunities for youth interested in the building and construction trades pathways.

Additionally, student cohorts are completing their summer internships representative of various industries alongside MAPs. Approximately sixty students will engage within employment opportunities on-site this summer; remote options will also remain available.

Contract Compliance Services is also coordinating a construction networking event in concert with the National Association of Minority Contractors, North Central Minority Supplier Development Council, Women's Business Development Center, and the Department of Facilities and Maintenance Services as the district plans the schedule for upcoming design and construction projects associated with ESSER II funding. The first phase of funding will include approximately \$100 million in project dollars, which includes the following participation requirements: 25% Historically Underutilized Business (HUB), 25% Communities In Need (COIN), and tiered student engagement hours based on project award amounts.

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