



REPORT TO THE MILWAUKEE BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS: MAY 2024

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.

Accountability and Efficiency Services

Between April 6, 2024 and May 18, 2024, Accountability and Efficiency Services completed three constituent inquiries, satisfied five impartial hearing officer (IHO) assignment requests, and responded to seven information requests.

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

Contract Compliance Services (CCS)

During this reporting period, Contract Compliance Services (CCS) staff members focused on our Communities In Need (COIN) and Student Engagement Programming.

On May 7 and May 9, 2024, CCS staff provided presentations to Bayview High School and WHS of Information Technology students. The presentations provided a brief overview on interviewing tips and soft skills aligned with proper workplace etiquette. The engagement also provided an opportunity to introduce students with summer internships and the "Constructing Futures Initiative" construction training available for junior and seniors through CCS.

32 interns are currently undergoing interviews across diverse industries within the fields of administrative services, architectural services, art and dance, construction, moving services, technology, and transportation services. One intern has been hired to date with updates to be provided in future reports.

CCS remains committed to fostering collaborations with departmental and internal sponsors and actively working toward the establishment of further internships and work-based learning opportunities for our high school students.

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

Audit Services

The Audit Services area under the OAE provides independent assurance that the District's risk management, governance, and internal control processes are operating effectively.

Updates in the Audit Services area for the current reporting period include:

Audit Completions and Substantially Complete:

- Partnership Management Letter issued
- 7 School Audits issued
- Retiree health and life insurance benefits exit conference held with report to be issued by month end.

Audits Underway

- Expulsion Audit field work underway
- Accounts Payable Audit field work underway
- Risk Assessment Surveys sent out to Departments as part of FY25 Annual Audit Plan development

Investigations

- Two Special Investigative Reports issued
- Continued monitoring of the Fraud Hotline with several investigations underway

Operational Updates

- Interviews conducted for Auditor I position
- FY25 Budget developed reflecting audit structure updates