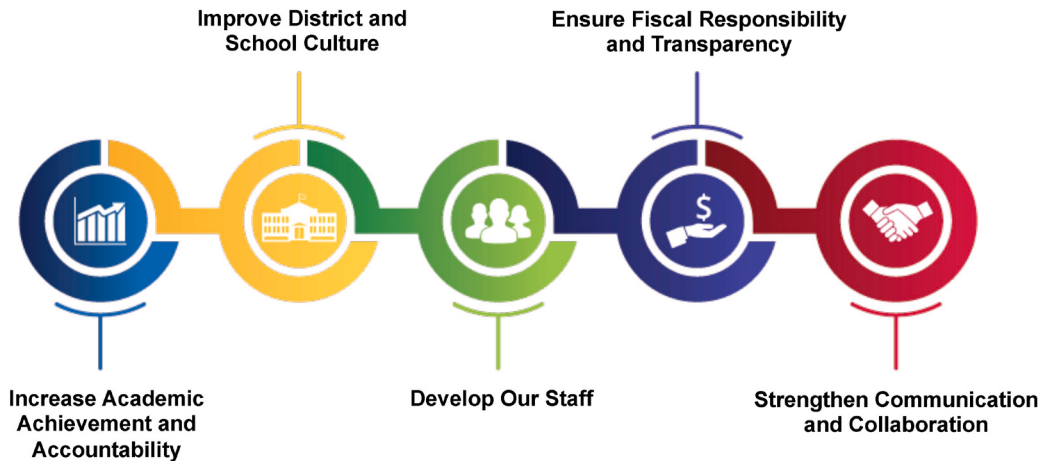




Superintendent's Report – June

The Superintendent's Report is designed to provide the Milwaukee Board of School Directors and the MPS community with an update on current activities underway to support the district goals of academic achievement; student, family and community engagement; and effective and efficient operations as they are aligned to the district's strategic objectives and the Five Priorities for Success:



During May and June, I enjoyed visiting the following schools: Bruce, Burbank, Carver, Clarke Street, Clement, Doerfler, Fairview, Forest Home, Franklin, Hawley, Holmes, Honey Creek, Kagel, Lloyd Barbee, Maple Tree, Neeskara, Milwaukee Academy of Chinese Language (MACL), Milwaukee Environmental Sciences Academy, Milwaukee Parkside, and Townsend elementary schools. School visits provide me with a wonderful opportunity to see what the students are learning and engage with students and staff.

My schedule continues to include meetings with elected officials and our business partners to make introductions, share my entry plan and Five Priorities for Success, and to hear from them on ways we can strengthen and maintain our partnerships. Some of those meetings included members of the Milwaukee Delegation including

Representative's Evan Goyke and David Crowley, Senator LaTonya Johnson, Senator Chris Larson, the Association of Latino/a Educators of Milwaukee (ALEM), Julia Taylor from the Greater Milwaukee Committee, Dr. June Rimmer, State Representative



I was honored to celebrate the success of our amazing young people at the "scholarship reveal" event at South Division High School. The class of 2018 graduates earned a record number of scholarships – \$86.2 million to be exact! This is \$22 million more than last year and represents significant growth from our African-American students. The MPS family accomplished this together through the hard work of our students, staff and other key stakeholders. I am so proud of our students for this great accomplishment! For the full details, see the article below:

Scholarships for Class of 2018 Exceed \$86 Million

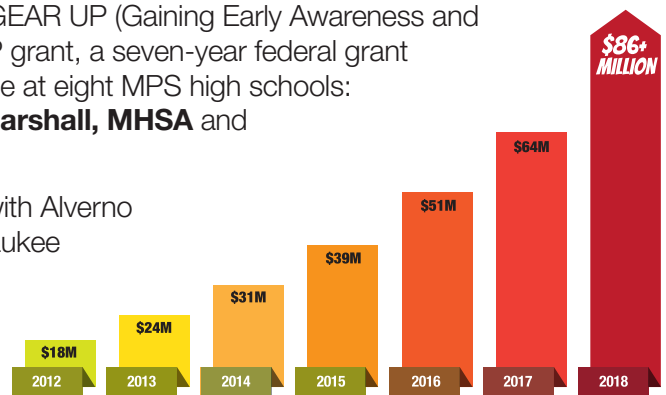
Milwaukee Public Schools announced another record-breaking amount of scholarship dollars earned by students. The Class of 2018 received an eye-popping total of **\$86,247,467*** in scholarship offers, shattering last year's record of \$64 million. This is the sixth straight year, dating back to 2012 (\$18 million total), that scholarship offers have increased. This year's class saw nearly 900 students receiving scholarships; that number has increased by more than 200 since 2015. Scholarship dollars for African-American students doubled this year.



During the 2017–18 school year, 20 College and Career Centers were established in MPS high schools. These centers are a free resource for students in grades 6-12 and are a critical component in helping students acquire scholarships. In the first year alone, the centers received more than 40,000 visits and served more than 10,000 students. Additionally, school counselors across the district have strategically implemented new strategies to support students.

The Class of 2018 is the second senior class to participate in GEAR UP (Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs). The TEAM GEAR UP grant, a seven-year federal grant worth more than \$28 million (including match dollars), is in place at eight MPS high schools: **Audubon, Bay View, Bradley Tech, Hamilton, Madison, Marshall, MHSA and Vincent.**

Through TEAM GEAR UP, MPS has built strong partnerships with Alverno College, Cardinal Stritch University, Marquette University, Milwaukee Area Technical College, University of Wisconsin-Madison, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, and University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh.



*As of 1:30 p.m. on June 13, 2018. Number will continue to rise as schools continue to report.

EVENTS/PROGRAMS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

MPS receives FAFSA Completion Challenge Grant to help students apply for financial aid

To drive awareness of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), MPS is among 25 districts and organizations to receive a FAFSA Completion Challenge Grant from the National College Access Network. Funding in the amount of \$40,000 will allow MPS to promote the FAFSA in its high schools and College and Career Centers and provide assistance to students in completing their applications.

The FAFSA, once completed, informs students of financial aid they qualify for, including Pell Grants and federal loans. The FAFSA is also required by many scholarships to determine a student's eligibility, and thus opens the door to opportunities for financial assistance. A high number of students are unaware of the financial aid process or require assistance to complete the application.



In recent years and in partnership with Milwaukee Succeeds, MPS has set out to increase the number of FAFSA applications among its seniors. As of May 25, 2018, the overall district completion rate for FAFSA was 67.4%, up from 64% on that date last year. MPS seniors are on track to exceed the record-breaking FAFSA completion rate of 72.8% during 2017–18, which was a 22.9% increase from the 2016–17 completion rate and well ahead of the state

average of 54 percent. The support from Milwaukee Succeeds that helped lead to these results was an important factor in MPS being selected for the FAFSA Completion Challenge Grant.

Completion of the FAFSA may help predict a student's success in postsecondary education. Ninety percent of high school seniors who complete the FAFSA attend college directly after high school, compared to only 55 percent of FAFSA non-completers.



AWARDS/RECOGNITION

MPS Schools Awarded for Academic and Behavior Excellence

In an annual report issued by the Wisconsin Response to Intervention (RtI) Center, 108 MPS schools were recognized for achievement in reading, math, and/or behavior. Ranked Bronze, Silver, Gold, and Platinum for the number of years meeting standards, Academy of Accelerated Learning was the only school in Wisconsin to earn Platinum in the three measured areas of reading, math, and behavior. Of the 16 schools across the state to earn Gold in any areas, MPS is proud to count 12 schools at the Gold level of recognition.



The Wisconsin RtI Center assists Wisconsin's education systems to build capacity, adopt and implement high-quality practices, make informed decisions, and ensure sustainability of efforts and increased success for all students. The center's goal is to develop and sustain an equitable multi-level system of supports to ensure success for all students. At the classroom level, RtI practices identify students who need additional support and then respond to students with individualized plans to help them succeed.

MPS schools reaching the Gold and Platinum levels of recognition are listed below.

Platinum Level for all Content Areas	Gold Level for Behavior and Mathematics
Academy of Accelerated Learning	Rogers Street Academy
Gold Level for all Content Areas	Gold Level for Mathematics and Reading
Fernwood Montessori	Barbee Elementary School
Lowell International Elementary School	Hampton Elementary School
Gold Level for Behavior and Reading	Honey Creek Elementary School
Bryant Elementary School	Humboldt Park Elementary School
Kagel Elementary School	Lincoln Avenue Elementary School
	Longfellow School

Learn more about the Wisconsin RtI Center awards [here](#).

MPS Schools Identified Among Wisconsin RtI Center Recognized Schools

Behavior Level	Reading Level	Math Level	School
Platinum	Platinum	Platinum	Academy of Accelerated Learning
Silver	Silver	Silver	ALBA - Academia de Lenguaje y Bellas
Bronze	Bronze	Silver	Alcott Elementary School
Silver	Silver	Silver	Allen-Field Elementary School
Silver	Silver		ASSATA High School
Bronze	Silver	Silver	Audubon Technology and Communication
Bronze			Auer Avenue Elementary School
	Bronze	Bronze	Banner Preparatory School of Milwaukee
Silver	Gold	Gold	Barbee Elementary School
Bronze			Barton Elementary School
	Silver		Bay View Montessori School
Silver	Bronze	Bronze	Bethune Academy
Bronze	Bronze	Silver	Brown Street Academy
Bronze			Browning Elementary School
	Silver	Silver	Bruce Elementary School
Gold	Gold	Bronze	Bryant Elementary School
Silver		Silver	Burbank Elementary School
	Silver	Bronze	Burdick Elementary School
Bronze			Clarke Street Elementary School
Silver			Clemens Elementary School
Bronze	Silver	Silver	Clement Avenue Elementary School
Bronze	Bronze		Congress Elementary School
Silver	Silver	Silver	Cooper Elementary School
	Bronze	Silver	Craig Montessori School
	Silver	Silver	Curtin Elementary School
Bronze	Bronze		Doerfler Elementary School
Bronze	Bronze	Bronze	Eighty-First Street Elementary School
Bronze	Bronze	Silver	Emerson Elementary School
Silver	Silver	Silver	Engleburg Elementary School
Bronze	Silver	Bronze	Fairview Elementary School
Gold	Gold	Gold	Fernwood Montessori
Bronze			Fifty-Third Street Elementary School
Bronze	Silver	Silver	Forest Home Elementary School
Bronze	Bronze		Franklin Elementary School
Bronze			Fratney Elementary School
Silver	Silver	Silver	Garland Elementary School
Bronze	Bronze	Bronze	Goodrich Elementary School
Silver	Silver	Silver	Grant Elementary School
Silver	Bronze	Bronze	Grantosa Drive Elementary School
Silver	Bronze	Silver	Greenfield Bilingual
	Bronze		Groppi High School
Silver	Bronze	Bronze	Hamilton High School
Silver	Gold	Gold	Hampton Elementary School
	Bronze		Hartford Avenue Elementary School
Bronze			Hawley Environmental School
Silver	Bronze	Bronze	Hawthorne Elementary School

Silver			Hayes Bilingual School
Bronze	Silver	Bronze	Hi-Mount Elementary School
Silver	Silver	Silver	Holmes Elementary School
	Gold	Gold	Honey Creek Elementary School
Bronze	Gold	Gold	Humboldt Park Elementary School
Silver			IDEAL Individualized Developmental
	Bronze	Bronze	Jackson Elementary School
Gold	Gold	Silver	Kagel Elementary School
Bronze			Keefe Avenue Elementary School
Silver			Kilbourn Elementary School
Bronze			King Junior Elementary School
Silver			Kluge Elementary School
Silver			La Causa Charter School
Bronze	Silver	Bronze	LaFollette Elementary School
Silver			Lancaster Elementary School
Silver	Gold	Gold	Lincoln Avenue Elementary School
Bronze	Silver	Bronze	Lincoln Middle School
Bronze	Gold	Gold	Longfellow Elementary School
Gold	Gold	Gold	Lowell International Elementary School
	Silver	Silver	MacDowell Montessori School K3-12
Bronze			James Madison Academic Campus
Silver	Silver	Bronze	Manitoba Elementary School
Silver			Maple Tree Elementary School
Silver	Silver	Silver	Maryland Montessori
	Bronze	Bronze	Metcalfe Elementary School
Bronze			Milwaukee Academy of Chinese Language
Silver			Milwaukee French Immersion
Bronze	Bronze	Bronze	Milwaukee German Immersion
	Bronze	Bronze	Milwaukee High School of the Arts
		Silver	Milwaukee Parkside School
Bronze			Milwaukee School of Languages
Bronze			Milwaukee Sign Language Elementary School
Bronze	Bronze	Bronze	Milwaukee Spanish Immersion
Silver			Mitchell Elementary School
Silver			Morse Middle School
Silver	Silver	Silver	Neeskara Elementary School
Silver	Silver	Silver	Ninety-Fifth Street Elementary School
Bronze			North Division High School
Silver		Bronze	Parkview Elementary School
Silver	Bronze		Pierce Elementary School
Silver	Silver	Silver	Pratt Elementary School
Bronze			Project STAY
Silver	Silver	Bronze	Reagan College Preparatory High School
Silver	Bronze	Bronze	Riley Elementary School
	Bronze	Bronze	River Trail Elementary School
Bronze			Riverside University High School
Gold	Silver	Gold	Rogers Street Academy
Bronze	Bronze		Sherman Elementary School

Silver	Bronze		Starms Early Childhood
Silver	Bronze		Stuart Elementary School
Silver	Bronze	Silver	Thoreau Elementary School
	Bronze	Bronze	Thurston Woods Elementary School
Bronze	Silver		Townsend Street Elementary School
	Bronze	Silver	Transition High School
Silver	Silver	Silver	Trowbridge Street School of Great Lakes Studies
	Bronze	Bronze	Victory Elementary School
Silver	Silver	Silver	Vieau Elementary School
Silver			Wedgewood Park School
Silver	Silver	Silver	Westside Academy
Silver	Silver	Silver	Whitman Elementary School
Silver	Silver	Silver	Whittier Elementary School
Bronze	Bronze		Zablocki Elementary School

Rufus King Music Students Reach New Heights

Rufus King High School is celebrating the accomplishments of several of the school's music students. This spring, **Carlos Meyers** became the first student from MPS to place in the Wisconsin School Music Association's Composition Competition. Carlos won first place in the high school instrumental ensemble division and second place in the high school piano solo competition. A senior, Carlos is a member of the concert band, marching band, and full orchestra at Rufus King. He also directs the school's pep band for basketball games. In addition, he is a member of the Milwaukee Youth Symphony's Senior Symphony, where he plays French horn.

Carlos plans to continue his music education next year and will pursue a degree in music composition at the Blair School of Music at Vanderbilt University.

Fellow Rufus King students made their public debut at the Riverside Theater this spring. Eight violinists, primarily freshmen and sophomores, had the chance to accompany the internationally renowned group The Piano Guys during their concert. The Piano Guys have toured and performed throughout the world and their YouTube channel has nearly 1.5 billion video views. The students played during the song "Beethoven's 5 Secrets" in front of a sold-out crowd of almost 2,600 people, and received a standing ovation. The students shared that they were thrilled by this once-in-a-lifetime chance to perform in a theater like the Riverside with a group of professional musicians, and to experience an overwhelming reaction from the audience.

