



## REPORT TO THE MILWAUKEE BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS: APRIL 2021

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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.

### *Work Plan Highlight: Annual Review of Audit/Budget/Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR)*

Board Governance Policy 3.08 charges the Office of Accountability and Efficiency with bringing oversight and accountability to the financial operations, evaluating fiscal performance and transparency, and making recommendations in the furtherance of fiscal stewardship for MPS. One way in which the OAE satisfies this responsibility is by conducting an independent review of the district's most significant annual financial documents, which includes the fiscal year-end audit, proposed and amended district budgets, and annual final reports.

### *Accountability and Efficiency Services*

Between March 16, 2021 and April 12, 2021, Accountability and Efficiency Services fulfilled one request for information/research, one constituent inquiry, two requests for data visualization, and two special projects. Accountability and Efficiency Services also continued to build capacity in the area of data analysis and visualization by building a demonstration of geographic data using story mapping tools. This will significantly enhance the district's ability to combine geospatial data with other visual information to engage internal and external stakeholders around various topics.

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 (CCS) continued to advance efforts with Mission Aligned Partners (MAPs), which included the addition of three new MAPs: Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District (MMSD), Planet2Plate, and STEM 101. The letters of support received from these new partners include commitments to serve as designated training, education, and employment partners increasing project-based, paid skilled-trade training opportunities for students and community members. These strategic partnerships support the scaling of Administrative Policy 3.13 Communities In Need (COIN) as MAPs have prioritized the work based on industry feedback. Additionally, MAPs Lead2Change and Mindful Solutions are collaborating to provide training opportunities to youth within state certified programs for healthcare and carpentry. Approximately 30 students will participate in the upcoming cohort in May.

Contract Compliance Services is updating the Facilities and Maintenance Services Participation Plan for Contractors. Updates will align with feedback received from industry partners concerning COIN, which will include procedural updates on complying with contract workforce assignments.

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