

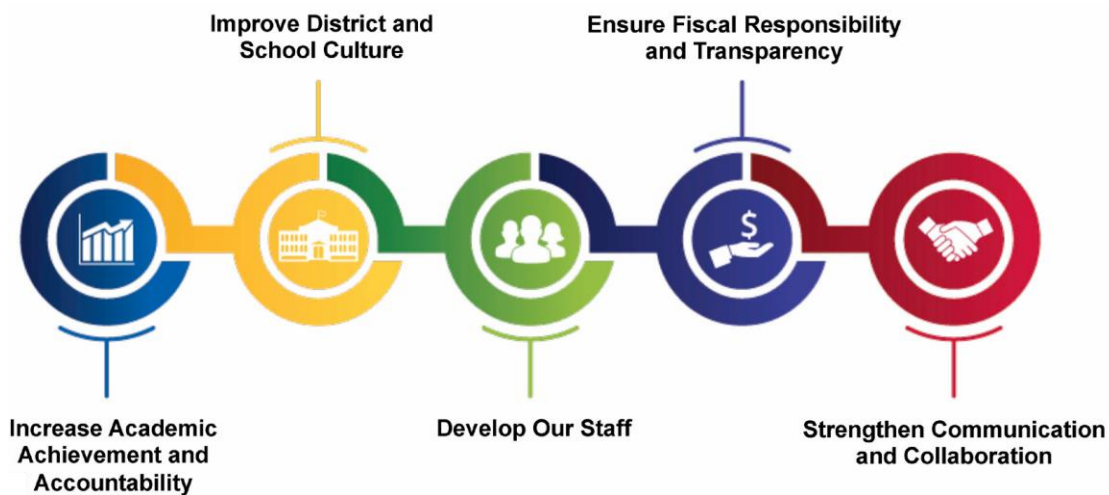


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Superintendent’s Report – August 2022

The Superintendent’s Report is designed to provide the Milwaukee Board of School Directors and the MPS community with an update on current activities under way 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.



Early Start Day One Kickoff 2022–23



MPS early start schools across the city, including all high schools, grade 6–8 middle schools, and identified elementary schools, returned to school on August 15, 2022. Traditional start elementary schools will return to school on Tuesday, September 6.

Larry Farris, principal of Milwaukee High School of the Arts, welcomed guests and families at the Day One kickoff. He was

followed by Dr. Posley, who conveyed his appreciation to the MPS teams, students, and guests who ensured that the Day One kickoff was a success.

Students arriving at schools all over the district received the red-carpet treatment as staff and guests greeted, cheered, chanted, and applauded students on to a successful first day of the 2022–23 school year.

Families interested in selecting MPS can still enroll [via online registration](https://www.mpsmke.com/enroll) or by visiting [mpsmke.com/enroll](https://www.mpsmke.com/enroll).

MPS Ultimate Sports Day!



Families poured into Wick Playfield for the first annual MPS Ultimate Sports Day on Saturday, August 6, 2022. MPS Athletics and Milwaukee Recreation hosted this event for first through twelfth graders to experience new sports and learn the fundamentals.



Participants moved through stations around the field that included baseball, softball, cheer, basketball, football, cross-country, ultimate frisbee, track and field, golf, soccer, and tennis.

This was a great opportunity for students of all ages to become acquainted with sports that they may have been interested in playing or to serve as an introduction to sports they were unfamiliar with. For others, it was a day out with the family.



Freshman Bridge: Preparing First-Year Students for Their First Day of High School

Freshman Bridge, a two-day workshop held during the first week in August, is designed to provide students new to high school with critical information to prepare them for a successful transition.

The preparation includes the logistics of navigating through the school, locker assignments, and credit requirements along with team building, mindfulness exercises, and restorative practices. Sophomores, juniors, and seniors are an integral part of the success attributed to Freshman Bridge, as they buddy up with freshmen and lead sessions sharing their experiences as both newcomers to high school and seasoned scholars. We look forward to seeing the class of 2026 in four short years in their cap and gowns.

GE Healthcare: Twenty-Six Years of Service



For twenty-six years, GE Healthcare has partnered with MPS and held GE Community Service Day to assist in the beautification of schools, classrooms, and courtyards. Over the years, more than one hundred MPS schools have received attention from caring volunteers to help students become more excited about returning to school and enjoying a pleasant environment.

This year, leaders from MPS and GE Healthcare hosted a kickoff event at Milwaukee Parkside School of the Arts. Volunteers were welcomed and appreciated as they carried out the work of painting, planting, fixing, and assembling items around the school to prepare for the students' return.

In addition to the beautification at Milwaukee Parkside School of the Arts, GE Healthcare took on projects at the following MPS schools:

- Bruce School
- Maple Tree School
- Parkview School
- Stuart School
- Westside Academy



Vincent High School Students Show Off Their Lambs at the Wisconsin State Fair



Three students in the Vincent High School agriculture program—seniors Arionna Harris and Donavon Tubbs and sophomore Kayziah Smith—spent an exciting summer working in the school's animal barn getting ready for the Wisconsin State Fair.

While at the state fair, the students were solely responsible for the care and preparation of their animal. Vincent students cared for the animals and competed over several days.

Vincent High School of Agricultural Sciences is the only school in Milwaukee County to offer an agriculture program and allows students to work with sheep, cattle, horses, goats, pigs, and chickens through the animal science pathway.