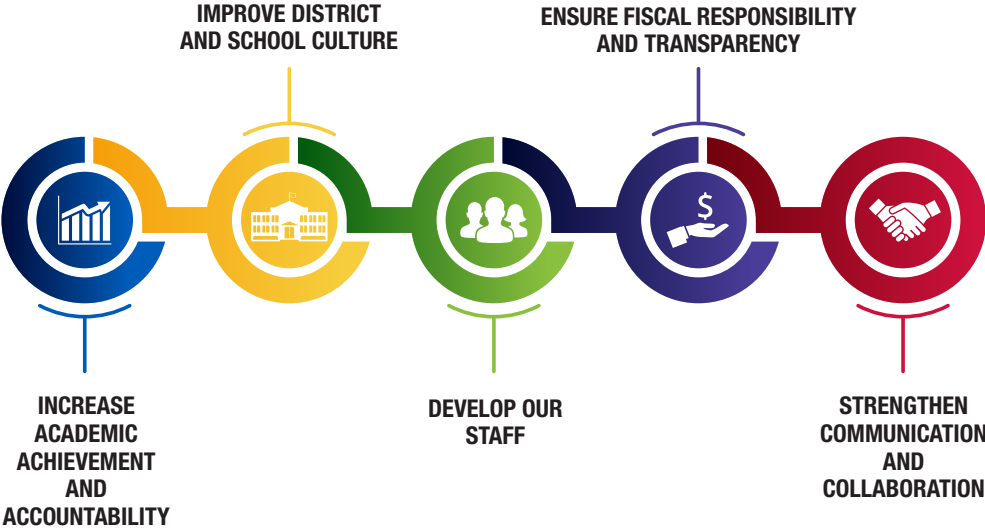




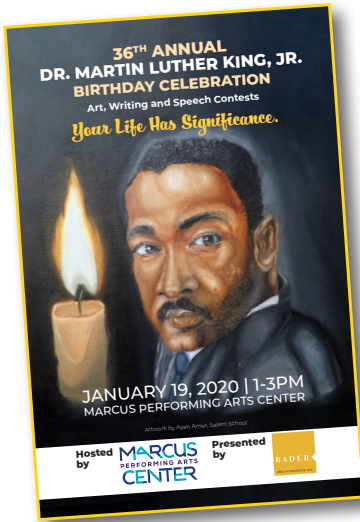
The Superintendent’s Report is designed to provide the Milwaukee Board of School Directors and the MPS community with an update on current activities underway to support the district goals of academic achievement; student, family and community engagement; and effective and efficient operations as they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



SCHOOL VISITS



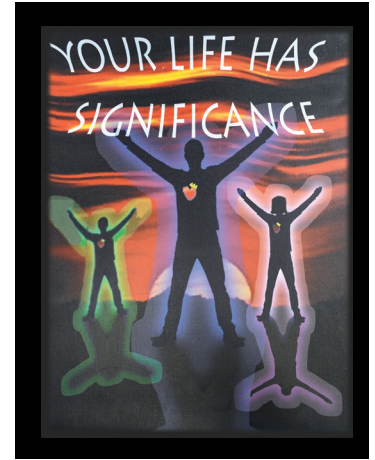
School visits remain a priority and serve as an excellent mechanism for gathering feedback to support district improvement efforts. This month, I had the opportunity to visit **Bradley Tech and Trade High School, Dr. Martin Luther King Elementary, Hi-Mount Community School, Lancaster School, MacDowell Montessori, North Division High School, Obama SCTE, South Division High School, and Ronald Reagan High School.**



Commemorating the Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Our classrooms throughout the district carried out many exciting activities to honor and reflect upon the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. leading up to and on the national holiday celebrating his birthday. These activities included the **2019–20 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Art, Speech and Writing Contests** sponsored by We Energies.

This year's Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. contests produced outstanding entries from students and many winners. The district is pleased to recognize the following students for their amazing work around this year's theme: **"Your Life Has Significance."**



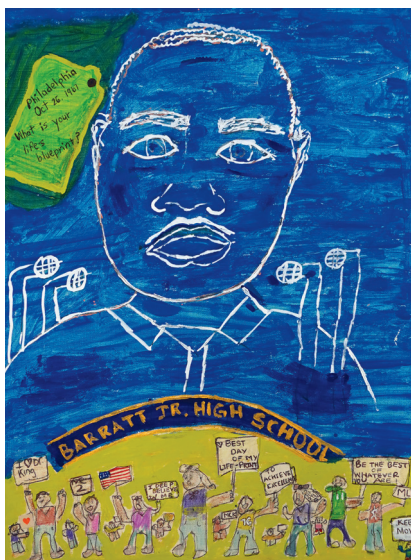
Maxwell E. Simons, MPS –
Fairview Elementary School, Grade 4

WRITING CONTEST WINNERS

Group Project: Grades K – 1	
Winner	William Cullen Bryant Elementary
Teacher	Pang Yang
Students	K5 Group Project – Keaisa Anderson, Akeelah Briggs, Amiyah Carter, Aria Dallas, Lundy Fitzwater, Dorsey Fletcher, Kartier Gordon, Sire Harmon, Donterrio Harris, Alawna Hudson, Skyler Mitchell, Shemar Nelson, Ja'lyyah Smith, Matthew Stokes, Honor Tatum, Aaron Watts, Desirae Woods
Grades 2 – 3	
1st Place	Nayeli Batista Sanchez, Honey Creek Continuous Progress Charter School, Grade 3 <i>Teacher:</i> Amy Hagenow
2nd Place	Zakaira Keller, Golda Meir School, Grade 3 <i>Teacher:</i> Erin Bailey
3rd Place	Matthew Dawursk, Golda Meir School, Grade 3 <i>Teacher:</i> Erin Bailey
Grades 4 – 5	
1st Place	Ilesha Sawyer-Green, Samuel Clemens School, Grade 5 <i>Teacher:</i> Aruna Halala-Vishudh
2nd Place	Salma Lewis, Golda Meir School, Grade 5 <i>Teacher:</i> Adriana Balistreri
3rd Place	Nora Synovic, Milwaukee German Immersion School, Grade 4 <i>Teacher:</i> Sarah Prah
Grade 6	
1st Place	Olivia Lane-Lawrence, Grade 6, Hartford Ave. University School <i>Teacher:</i> Joyce Peoples
2nd Place	Andre Maxwell, Grade 6, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. School <i>Teacher:</i> Kimberly Humphreys
Grades 7 – 8	
2nd Place	Brandon Gorton, James Fenimore Cooper School, Grade 8 <i>Teacher:</i> Paul Hoffman

SPEECH CONTEST WINNERS

Grades K – 2	
1st Place	Chriscyris Gil Midence, Alexander Mitchell Integrated Arts School, Grade 2 <i>Teacher:</i> Jeannette G. Russell
2nd Place	Jayvion Armstrong, Elm Creative Arts School, Grade 1 <i>Teacher:</i> Therese M. Kroll
Grades 3 – 4	
1st Place	Abigail Cashman, Golda Meir School, Lower Campus, Grade 4 <i>Teacher:</i> Tracey Fecteau
2nd Place	Inezmari Chico, Jeremiah Curtin Leadership Academy, Grade 4 <i>Teacher:</i> Rebecca Lehn-Hilliard
3rd Place	Anaria Champion, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Leadership Academy, Grade 4 <i>Teacher:</i> Grace E. Scott
Grades 5 – 6	
2nd Place	Isaac Feng, Victory K–8 and Milwaukee Italian Immersion School, Grade 5 <i>Teacher:</i> Amy Domagalski
3rd Place	Salma Lewis, Golda Meir School, Lower Campus, Grade 5 <i>Teacher:</i> Adriana Balistreri
Grades 7 – 8	
2nd Place	Brandon Gorton, James Fenimore Cooper School, Grade 8 <i>Teacher:</i> Paul Hoffman
3rd Place	Saahir Muhammad, Jeremiah Curtin Leadership Academy, Grade 8 <i>Teacher:</i> Michelle Davis-Sobocinski
Grades 9 – 10	
1st Place	Angela Gorton, Ronald Wilson Reagan College Preparatory High School, Grade 10 <i>Teacher:</i> Kristoffer Puddicombe
2nd Place	Malcolm Bishop, Harold S. Vincent High School, Grade 9 <i>Teacher:</i> Jennifer M. Koss
Grades 11 – 12	
2nd Place	Niahni Shelton-Moss, Ronald Wilson Reagan College Prep. High School, Grade 11 <i>Teacher:</i> Kurt Dillman
3rd Place	Derrick Taylor, Golda Meir School, Upper Campus, Grade 11 <i>Teacher:</i> Tiffany Smith



Carlos Mazaba, Golda Meir School, Grade 4



Grace Collins, Fernwood Montessori School, Grade 8

ART CONTEST WINNERS

Grades K – 2

1st Place	JC Seha Vang, Luther Burbank School, Grade 2 <i>Teacher:</i> Anna Peterson
3rd Place	Jesus Graika, Milwaukee Spanish Immersion School, Grade 2 <i>Teacher:</i> Tracy Matel

Grades 3 – 5

1st Place	Carlos Mazaba, Golda Meir School, Grade 4 <i>Teacher:</i> Joan Fecteau
2nd Place	Maxwell E. Simons, Fairview Elementary School, Grade 4 <i>Teacher:</i> Kari George
3rd Place	Ruby Sanchez, Milwaukee Spanish Immersion School, Grade 3 <i>Teacher:</i> Tracy Matel

Grades 6 – 8

1st Place	Grace Collins, Fernwood Montessori School, Grade 8 <i>Teacher:</i> Laura Makula Zimmerman
2nd Place	Caitlinn Jones, Roosevelt Middle School of the Arts, Grade 7 <i>Teacher:</i> Greg Haut
3rd Place	Julie N. Xiong, Wedgewood Park International School, Grade 7 <i>Teacher:</i> Maggie Curtis



Julie N. Xiong, Wedgewood Park International School, Grade 7

MacDowell Montessori Student Named Spectrum News 1 Scholar Athlete

The gymnasium at MacDowell Montessori erupted in cheers as Chris Kemp was recognized as Wisconsin Scholar Athlete of the month by Spectrum News 1. Chris was selected for excellence in the classroom, participation in varsity sports, and the positive attitude he brings to his school and activities. His award was presented during halftime of a December basketball game.

Spectrum News 1 presents a monthly award to high school seniors who excel in the classroom, participate in at least one varsity sport, demonstrate high standards, serve their community, and plan to attend college. Recipients receive a trophy and a \$1,000 scholarship.

Chris has been accepted into National Honor Society and is a member of the varsity basketball, track, and cross-country teams. He made All-Conference in cross country and is a motivator and leader on each of his teams.

Chris's giving spirit goes beyond sports. He volunteers with organizations that help the homeless and enjoys helping people get on their feet and pursue their best life. In college, his plans include studying law or physical therapy.



EVENTS/PROGRAMS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

MPS Recruits Students for Ambassador Internships in Marcus Hotels

In summer 2020, about 25 MPS students will serve as ambassadors in downtown Milwaukee during the **Democratic National Convention**. These new internships are the result of collaboration among **MPS, Marcus Hotels**, and the **National Academy Foundation (NAF)** education network Future Ready Lab program. Students will spend several weeks training and then will be assigned at The Pfister, Saint Kate, and the Hilton Milwaukee Center to answer questions, give directions, and make recommendations to visitors.

Milwaukee Public Schools is one of only eight districts in the country selected to offer a Future Ready Lab by the NAF education network. Future Ready Labs match students with local employers for internships.

The MPS ambassador program became a Future Ready Lab after a rigorous application process that identified strong goal-oriented school districts and advisory board teams that would plan and implement meaningful internship programs for their high school students. The Democratic National Convention provides a unique opportunity for students to practice workplace and customer service skills, as well as to represent their city.

Current NAF host high schools are:

- Bay View High School
- James Madison Academic Campus
- North Division High School
- Ronald Wilson Reagan College Preparatory High School
- South Division High School
- Washington High School of Information Technology



MPS Hosts Kindergarten Enrollment Fair on February 1, 2020

MPS will host its annual **Kindergarten Enrollment Fair** on **February 1, 2020, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.** at Milwaukee High School of the Arts (2300 W. Highland Avenue). The Fair will help families explore schools, make choices, and enroll students for fall 2020.

All MPS schools that offer Head Start and kindergarten will be on hand so families can ask questions, learn about programs, and identify the best options for their children. Families will have the chance to speak directly with school staff and get help filling out enrollment forms. Interpreters will be available. Children are welcome at the fair so they can begin experiencing a school setting and are ready to attend in fall.



Head Start — Free preschool is available through the federal Head Start program for families who meet income limits. Head Start prepares children for school and teaches important early skills. Transportation is available.

Kindergarten

3-year-old Kindergarten: Limited programs are available at some schools. Children must turn 3 by September 1 to be eligible.

4-year-old Kindergarten: Programs are available at most schools across the district. Children must turn 4 by September 1 to be eligible.

5-year-old Kindergarten: Programs are available at most schools across the district.

Children must turn 5 by September 1 to be eligible. For questions about enrollment or the Kindergarten Enrollment Fair, call 414-475-8159.



INCREASING OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENT VOICE

A shared goal of the Milwaukee Board of School Directors and the Administration is providing increased opportunities for student voice throughout the district and at the monthly Board meetings.

This month, MPS students participating in one of three work-based learning opportunities supported by **We Energies** will share information on their experiences associated with the program as well as future career goals.

The team from We Energies, led by John Glynn, We Energies Area Manager – Milwaukee/Northern Gas & Electric, and supported by many We Energies employees, has gone above and beyond to create three internship and youth apprenticeship opportunities for MPS students. Two of the We Energies Internship and Youth Apprenticeship programs are in their third year, and the third program is beginning this year.

Between the three programs, 35 students will work full time for the summer months or beyond. More than 100 students received exposure to professions in the energy field, with a focus on line mechanics and design engineers. In December, We Energies held a parent-student information night, which included a ‘signing day’ as a special way to recognize the students and congratulate them for their commitment to the line mechanic program. The new program will include exposure to the position of gas technician. The company’s goal is to expose a diverse group of high school students to career pathways unfamiliar to most youth. Using a mixture of paid and unpaid experiences, We Energies intends to attract and retain a greater number of diverse and reliable skilled employees. Throughout this partnership, the We Energies team has dedicated many hours to ensure that students receive authentic educational, hands-on exposure to careers in energy.

