

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*.



# Superintendent's Report – July

# **SCHOOL VISITS**

School visits remain a priority and serve as an excellent mechanism for gathering feedback to support district improvement efforts. This month, some of the schools I visited include Vieau Elementary School for the first day of the July Summer Academy, and Auer Avenue Elementary. The MPS Summer Academy aims to provide an engaging and enriching experience for students in the summer months. Students will participate in a variety of field trips, arts-integrated activities, and exciting in-school programs.

# Special Recognition: LULAC National Convention & Exposition

I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the many MPS staff, students and families who participated in the recent **League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) National Convention & Exposition**, which took place in Milwaukee from July 10-13. This year's convention was special due to celebrating 90 years (1929–2019) of LULAC transforming communities through service. There were many meaningful and educational opportunities for all



attendees, including an emphasis on strengthening our communities and supporting our youth. LULAC has made many contributions to K-12 public education, and I was very proud to accept the Champion of Education award on behalf of Milwaukee Public Schools and all students and families that are part of the district.

### **EVENTS/PROGRAMS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### Four MPS schools are approved to pursue IB authorization

After countless hours of preparation, four MPS schools will begin the journey toward International Baccalaureate (IB) authorization. **ALBA School**, **Marvin Pratt Elementary School**, **Gilbert Stuart School**, and **Morse Middle School** will spend the next 12 to 24 months implementing the IB program and undergoing evaluations.



ALBA, Pratt and Stuart are candidate schools for the IB Primary Years Programme (PYP), and Morse is a candidate for the IB Middle Years Programme (MYP). The IB programme offers a rigorous academic curriculum that prepares students for a global society, emphasizes good citizenship, and enhances personal development. During the candidate phase, ALBA, Pratt, Stuart, and Morse will receive customized support from the IB organization, the IB regional office, a consultant who is fully trained in global IB policies, and an MPS IB support consultant. These schools will also have access to the IB online curriculum center, where they can obtain IB publications and teaching materials and participate in online forums with others around the world.

Throughout the candidacy process, students will engage in learning that encourages them to ask challenging questions, think critically, develop research skills, develop multilingual skills, and use their learning to make positive changes in their communities and the world.

### Girls in Camp HERO tackle careers in protective services



About 28 high school girls from across two counties spent a week training as firefighters, police officers, and EMTs, learning valuable skills and finding out what it takes to embark on a career as a hero. Ten MPS students took part through a sponsorship through the **MPS Office of Extended Learning Opportunities**.

Girls had the chance to train with firefighters, learn CPR and self-defense, tour fire and police facilities, interact with horses and mounted police officers, experience the **Milwaukee Fire Department** boat on Lake Michigan, process crime scene evidence, and more. Many of the girls shared that they are considering careers in these areas and were excited for this preview of what their work might be like.

**CampHERO** is made possible by Girl Scouts of Wisconsin Southeast, Milwaukee Fire Department, Milwaukee Police Department, Milwaukee Fire and Police Commission, and Milwaukee Area Technical College (MATC).



# Teachers, paraprofessionals, and school nutrition and building operations staff-attend an MPS job fair

Milwaukee Public Schools hosted job fairs this summer to attract teachers, paraprofessionals, and school nutrition and building operations staff. MPS teachers are needed across the district for many grade levels, subjects, and specialties, including special education. Part-time positions are available.

MPS seeks licensed teachers as well as early career and retired teachers,

professionals looking for a career change, individuals wishing to complete a bachelor's degree in education, paraprofessionals, and others with special circumstances who dream of teaching.

Two Job fairs were held on June 29 and July 13, 2019, and the third job fair will be held on **Saturday, August 3, 2019**, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at **Wisconsin Conservatory of Lifelong Learning**, 1017 N. 12th St.

### **MPS Breaks Ground on Green Spaces**

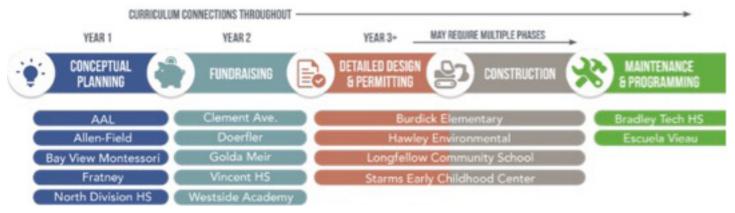
Milwaukee Public Schools, together with generous funders and community partners, announced a multimillion dollar investment in Milwaukee schools and neighborhoods on Tuesday, July 9, at **Longfellow School**. As part of an ongoing cycle, the district is beginning work that will reduce pavement and increase green space at four MPS schools, adding to several previous projects. Improvements will include installation of bioswales to manage stormwater, the addition of outdoor classrooms, tree plantings, areas to serve as school gardens, and plans for curriculum that will



incorporate ecology, sustainability, and freshwater sciences. The improvements will impact neighborhoods, provide community access, and improve the quality of life in the city.



MPS and partners have embarked on an ambitious plan to develop many schoolyards across the city through the **Greener Healthier Schools Program**. Building from previous project successes, four schools are launching projects this month. An additional five schools are slated for schoolyard redevelopments projects in following years. Major project partners currently include: Milwaukee Public Schools and the **MPS Foundation**, the **Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District**, the **City of Milwaukee**, **National Fish and Wildlife Foundation – Sustain Our Great Lakes Program**, **Fund for Lake Michigan**, **Reflo**, **Funders' Network–Partners for Places Grant**, the **Burke Foundation**, the **Greater Milwaukee Foundation**, private donations, in-kind contributions, and school fundraising.



Children who learn and play in green spaces are shown to exhibit a number of benefits to academics and well-being.

- Spending time in nature advances children's academic performance, focus, behavior, and love of learning.
- Green schoolyards enhance mental health and well-being and promote social and emotional development.

Green schoolyards offer a variety of active play options that engage children of varying fitness levels, ages, and genders.

# **MPS Serves Free Breakfast and Lunch at 91 School Locations**

Milwaukee Public Schools is offering free breakfast and lunch to children and teens 18 years of age and under. Summer meals, including dinner at many sites, are served now through the beginning of August at school locations throughout Milwaukee. The summer meal program provides free, healthy meals and is combined with other summer programming.

MPS is proud to participate in the **U.S. Department of Agriculture's Summer Food Service Program** administered by the **Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction**.



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Families can find the nearest meal location or meal service dates and time at http://mps.milwaukee.k12.wi.us/ MPS-English/CFO/Nutrition/Resources/SummerMealSites.pdf or by dialing **211** from a cell phone or **(866) 211-3380** from a landline phone. Neon green signs are outside schools to help designate locations of free meals. Below is a list of MPS summer meal locations.

Allen Field	Craig	Holmes	Mitchell Street
Bethune	Doerfler	Hopkins Lloyd	Morgandale
Bradley Tech	Eighty-First Street	Jackson	Neeskara
Browning	Engleburg	Kagel	Riley
Brown Street	Fairview	Keefe	Riverwest
Carmen Northwest	Fernwood	King Elementary	Rogers
Carmen South	Fifty-Third Street	Kluge	Rufus King HS
Carmen Southeast	Forest Home	LaCausa	Sherman
Carson	Fratney	LaFollette	Siefert
Carver	Gaenslen	Lincoln Avenue	Story
Cass	German Immersion	Longfellow	Thurston Woods
Clarke	Grantosa	Maple Tree	Townsend
Clement Avenue	Greenfield	Metcalfe	Vieau
Congress	Hamilton	MHSA	Washington
Cooper	Hayes	MCP-Lloyd	Westside I
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#### AWARDS/RECOGNITION

# **MPS Schools Recognized for Behavior, Reading and/or Mathematics**





The following 100 MPS schools were recognized by the **Wisconsin Rtl** Center and the **Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction** and received gold

**Center** and the **Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction** and received gold, silver, and bronze level awards for behavior, reading and/or mathematics. This is one of the many ways we are contributing to improving district and school culture.

School	Level of Recognition for Behavior	Level of Recognition for Reading	Level of Recognition for Math
Academy of Accelerated Learning	Gold	Gold	Gold
ALBA	Gold	Gold	Gold
Alcott Elementary School	Bronze		
Allen-Field Elementary School	Silver	Silver	Silver
Alliance School of Milwaukee	Bronze		
Audubon High School	Bronze		
Audubon Middle School		Bronze	Bronze
Auer Avenue Elementary School	Bronze		
Barbee Elementary School	Bronze	Silver	Silver
Barton Elementary School	Silver		
Bay View High School			Bronze
Bay View Montessori School		Silver	
Bethune Academy	Silver	Silver	Silver
Brown Street Academy	Silver		
Browning Elementary School	Bronze		
Bryant Elementary School	Gold	Gold	Silver
Burbank Elementary School	Silver	Bronze	
Burdick Elementary School	Bronze		Silver
Carson Academy	Bronze	Bronze	
Clemens Elementary School	Silver		
Clement Avenue Elementary School	Bronze	Silver	Silver
Cooper Elementary School	Silver		
Curtin Elementary School	Bronze	Silver	Silver
Doerfler Elementary School	Silver		
Eighty-First Street Elementary School	Silver		
Emerson Elementary School	Bronze		
Engleburg Elementary School	Silver	Silver	Silver
Fairview Elementary School	Bronze	Silver	Bronze
Fernwood Montessori School		Silver	Silver
Forest Home Elementary School	Silver	Silver	Silver
Franklin Elementary School		Bronze	
Fratney Elementary School	Silver		
Garland Elementary School	Silver	Silver	Silver
Goodrich Elementary School		Silver	Bronze
Grant Elementary School	Silver		
Grantosa Elementary School	Silver		

School	Level of Recognition for Behavior	Level of Recognition for Reading	Level of Recognition for Math
Greenfield Bilingual	Gold	Silver	Gold
Hamilton High School	Bronze		
Hampton Elementary School	Silver	Silver	Silver
Hawley Environmental School	Silver	Bronze	Bronze
Hawthorne Elementary School	Bronze	Silver	Silver
Hayes Bilingual School	Bronze		
Hi-Mount Elementary School	Silver	Silver	Silver
Honey Creek Elementary School		Silver	Silver
Hopkins-Lloyd Community School	Bronze		
Humboldt Park Elementary School	Silver	Silver	Silver
IDEAL School		Bronze	Bronze
James Madison Academic Campus	Bronze		
Kagel Elementary School	Silver	Silver	Silver
Keefe Avenue Elementary School			Bronze
Kilbourn Elementary School			Bronze
La Causa Charter School	Bronze		
LaFollette Elementary School		Silver	Silver
Lancaster Elementary School	Silver	Bronze	
Lincoln Avenue Elementary School	Silver	Gold	Gold
Lincoln Middle School		Silver	Bronze
Longfellow Elementary School	Silver	Silver	Silver
Lowell International Elementary School	Silver	Silver	Silver
Manitoba Elementary School	Silver		
Maple Tree Elementary School	Bronze		
Marshall High School	Bronze		
Maryland Avenue Montessori School	Silver		
Meir School		Bronze	Bronze
Metcalfe Elementary School	Bronze		
Milwaukee Academy of Chinese Language	Bronze		
Milwaukee French Immersion School	Bronze		
Milwaukee German Immersion School	Silver		
Milwaukee Parkside School		Bronze	Silver
Milwaukee School of Languages	Bronze		
Milwaukee Spanish Immersion School	Silver	Silver	Silver
Mitchell Elementary School	Silver		
Morgandale Elementary School	Bronze		
Morse Middle School	Silver		
Neeskara Elementary School	Silver		
Ninety-Fifth Street Elementary School	Silver	Silver	Silver
North Division High School	Bronze		
Parkview Elementary School	Bronze	Bronze	Bronze
Pratt Elementary School (formerly Silver Spring)	Silver		

School	Level of Recognition for Behavior	Level of Recognition for Reading	<i>Level of Recognition for</i> Math
Project STAY	Bronze		
Riley Elementary School	Silver		
River Trail Elementary School		Bronze	
Riverwest Elementary School (formerly Pierce Elementary)		Silver	Bronze
Rogers Street Academy	Silver	Bronze	
Ronald Reagan High School	Gold	Gold	Silver
Sherman Elementary School			Bronze
Starms Discovery School	Bronze		
Starms Early Childhood	Bronze		
Stuart Elementary School	Silver		
Thoreau Elementary School		Bronze	
Thurston Woods Elementary School	Bronze	Silver	Silver
Townsend Street Elementary School	Bronze	Bronze	Bronze
Transition High School	Bronze	Bronze	Bronze
Trowbridge Street School	Silver	Silver	Silver
Victory Elementary School	Bronze	Silver	Silver
Vieau Elementary School	Silver	Silver	Silver
Washington High School	Bronze		
Wedgewood Park School	Silver	Bronze	Bronze
Westside Academy	Silver		Silver
Whitman Elementary School	Bronze	Silver	Silver
Whittier Elementary School	Silver	Silver	Silver
Zablocki Elementary School	Silver	Bronze	

