



**MILWAUKEE  
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## Superintendent's Report – November 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.



## National Native American Heritage Month



In honor of National Native American Heritage Month, MPS celebrates the perseverance, culture, and history of Native nations. MPS provides links and opportunities on our newsroom page for families and stakeholders alike to learn more about this rich history.

The [MPS newsroom page for Native American Heritage month](#) first greets readers with a land acknowledgment, followed by links to [MPS First Nation Studies](#), Native American [veterans](#) and [authors](#), the [National Museum of the American Indian](#), and the [Tribal Histories series by PBS Wisconsin](#).

Visit the MPS newsroom page for more information and further resources.

## Milwaukee Public Schools' Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) Week

Milwaukee Public Schools' Department of College and Career Readiness strives to ensure that every student is successfully on the path toward college and career. As a part of this path and in preparation for the United Negro College Fund Empower Me Tour that took place in November, schools highlighted historically Black colleges and universities (HBCU) from November 7 to 11, 2022. Highlights included staff and students wearing HBCU clothing, HBCU alumni sharing their experiences with students, video tours of HBCU campuses, history of the development of HBCUs, fraternities and sororities, a door decorating contest, parent sessions, and more.



HBCU week allowed students an opportunity to learn about HBCUs but also to build excitement and anticipation for the United Negro College Fund Empower Me Tour, at which seniors had an opportunity to learn more about HBCUs, surrounding colleges, and scholarship opportunities.

## United Negro College Fund Empower Me Tour



High school seniors from around the district flooded the Wisconsin Center with their presence as they visited the 2022 United Negro College Fund Empower Me Tour on November 11. The United Negro College Fund Empower Me Tour is designed to help inspire and motivate high school students toward academic excellence, career success, and personal responsibility.

The United Negro College Fund Empower Me Tour provides the opportunity for thousands of high school students to gain acceptance into college, earn scholarship funds, and/or secure jobs and internships on location. Participants attend a series of presentations, panels, and interactive workshops offered through two distinct tracks—a college-readiness program and a career-readiness program—to help them get successfully to and through college and obtain meaningful employment thereafter.

Last year's seniors received \$11 million in scholarship offers. We are excited to see what this year's senior class will be offered.

## National School Psychology Week

Thank you, MPS school psychologists! Promoted by the National Association of School Psychologists since 2002, National School Psychology Week this year is from November 7 to 11. This annual observance celebrates the work of school psychologists in supporting student wellness, achievement, and personal growth.

School psychologists play a part in many aspects of education as special education evaluation team members, violence prevention specialists, building-based psychologists, crisis team members, ropes and challenges supervisors, suicide prevention trainers, multi-tiered intervention specialists, and anti-racism educators. They also engage proactively with students to promote confidence and reduce risk taking as they help students navigate daily challenges.

## South Division Clinic Offers Health Services for Students and Staff



Together, Sixteenth Street Community Health Centers and Milwaukee Public Schools have opened a new health clinic inside South Division High School. The new health clinic is Sixteenth Street's first site inside an MPS building.

The new health clinic operated by Sixteenth Street Community Health Centers will be open to South Division High School students and staff. The clinic will provide sports physicals,

vaccines, hearing and vision screenings, care for chronic conditions such as asthma and diabetes, and more. South Division High School is located at 1515 West Lapham Boulevard in Milwaukee

## sySTEMnow Conference Honors Golda Meir School

Hundreds of local educators gathered at the Italian Community Center in October to take a deep dive into STEM education. During the conference, teachers engaged in sessions that highlighted STEM topics in real-world applications. Breakout sessions included technology in esports, STEM in the Civil Air Patrol, involving families in STEM activities, STEM challenges in business, and a Milwaukee-centered session called "Code the Hoan," which explored how art meets science in the lighting of the Hoan Bridge.

A STEM Forward "Excellence in STEM Award" was presented to MPS's very own Golda Meir School. Golda Meir School has designed pathways for all students to be successful in the technology and engineering fields, including offering classes, mentors, internships, competitions, clubs, conferences, and field trips. The staff at Golda Meir School provides outreach and guidance to support these opportunities and programs within their building and with other schools. Staff members have cultivated strong partnerships with many local government entities and businesses to create connections for students and work with them to help solve issues affecting our community.

## **MPS Combined Giving Campaign Supports Our Community**

All year long, employees of Milwaukee Public Schools support local students and families. Each fall, MPS staff shows an even greater commitment to the community by contributing to the MPS Combined Giving campaign.

During this campaign, MPS employees—current and retired—may choose to give a one-time donation, participate in payroll deduction, and/or donate through fun activities such as Punch a Box, submitting a photo for the pet calendar, lunchtime bingo, and parking lot farmers market, which also generate contributions to the campaign.

This year's campaign included a special visit from students in the agricultural programs at Vincent High School. Students sold pumpkins, gourds, and produce as well as soap, candles, and lotions using beeswax and goat's milk produced on campus. Vincent's therapy dog, Ryder, was a special guest who greeted MPS staff at the event.

We encourage everyone to give no matter the amount: checks, payroll deduction, dollars, and coins are accepted! [Donate online or print a donation form.](#)