

April Consent Agenda 2025

DAC Family Engagement Report April 3, 2025

April Break: All MPS locations, including Central Services, will be closed on **Friday, April 18, 2025**.

Every Day Counts! Spring Into a Strong School Year

Spring is right around the corner, so use these warmer months to maintain good habits, get to school on time, and finish the year strong. Students can look forward to nicer weather to walk to school or a bus stop!

If your family needs support to get to school on time every day, talk to the school counselor or parent coordinator at your child's school. Help is available!

Families: Remember that you can check attendance by logging in to the Campus Parent Portal at mpsmke.com/parentportal. If you need assistance, scroll down in this newsletter for contact information.

SPRING TESTING

April 8: High school freshmen and sophomores will take the Pre-ACT test, which prepares students for the ACT and is a measure of how students are performing. All high school students will attend school. For a complete schedule and more information, download a family letter.

[Spring Testing Letter - English and Spanish](#)

MPS REFUGEE & IMMIGRANT RESOURCE FAIR

Join us for a resource fair that will help families access community organizations in Milwaukee offering health care, employment, food access, housing, legal support, language services, and education and literacy options.

Free refreshments and activities. Register for door prizes!

Saturday, April 5, 2025

10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

South Division High School

1515 W. Lapham Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53204

[Resource Fair Flyers](#)

INTERNET RESOURCES FOR FAMILIES

Reliable internet access is important for MPS students who want to learn while at home. Resources are available for families who need internet access. If your current mobile phone provider is not listed below, please check to see if they have a program for internet access.

Spectrum/Charter Broadband

Spectrum Internet Assist is an affordable internet option that provides reliable, 50 Mbps internet to qualified households for \$15 per month. All MPS students qualify for this program because all MPS students receive free breakfast and lunch through the Community Eligibility Provision of the National School Lunch Program. Customers can sign up [online](#), in person at any retail Spectrum store, or at (844) 488-8395. More information is available on the [Spectrum Internet Assist page](#).

AT&T Broadband

AT&T Access provides low-cost internet service for eligible households with speeds up to 100 Mbps for \$30 per month. This includes Wi-Fi and installation, no equipment fees, no deposit, and no annual contract. All MPS students qualify for this program because all MPS students receive free breakfast and lunch through the Community

Eligibility Provision of the National School Lunch Program. A Wi-Fi gateway/modem and installation are included. Customers can sign up [online](#) or can call (800) 288-2020 for English or (866) 268-6051 for Spanish.

Mobile Phone Customers

Many mobile phone providers such as AT&T, UScellular, Sprint/T-Mobile, TDS, Verizon, and others allow customers to use their cellular phone as a Wi-Fi hotspot. Contact your current cellular provider to check if your plan includes mobile Wi-Fi hotspot capability.

SENIORS—Find Scholarships!

MPS scholarship information is on [Xello](#) and contained in an [MPS Scholarship Google Folder](#).

The folder contains event flyers, scholarship application materials, presentations, and the 2024–25 Milwaukee Public Schools Scholarships & College and Career Opportunity List. All the materials can be viewed, downloaded, and printed.

Students and parents can visit the [MPS Scholarships web page](#) for additional resources on college affordability and meet with their school counselor and/or College and Career Center advisor for one-on-one help.

IMPORTANT: REVIEW THE MPS VISITOR POLICY

MPS welcomes families in our buildings. To maintain a safe, productive learning environment, we have policies to ensure visits do not interrupt teaching and learning during the school day.

When you are visiting a school, please remember:

- Families are always welcome to observe their child's classroom and meet with school staff during non-instructional time. These meetings must be scheduled in advance to avoid disruptions to the school day. Please contact the office to schedule a visit.
- During meetings, conferences, and classroom visits, each student may have TWO visitors present, unless additional visitors are approved in advance.
- Visitors must always be accompanied by a staff member.
- When visitors are dropping off items at school, students will be called to the office.

Read the full Visitor Policy in the Parent/Student Handbook on Rights, Responsibilities, and Discipline at mpsmke.com/rights.

CAMPUS PARENT PORTAL TECHNICAL SUPPORT

Live Parent Portal (Campus Parent) support is available from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. To recover a username/password: Parents/guardians should email parentportal@milwaukee.k12.wi.us. Include the parent/guardian name, child's name, birth date, and a contact number. If you do not receive a phone call or email within 24 hours, please call (414) 475-8159 for further assistance. For assistance setting up a new Parent Portal account: Parents/guardians may call (414) 475-8159 or email parentportal@milwaukee.k12.wi.us

VISIT THE NEW MPS STUDENT JOB BOARD

MPS has a Student Job Board to help your job search! Browse part-time and summer jobs and find youth apprenticeships, internships, volunteer opportunities, events, resources, and community programs. Jobs are constantly being added, so check back often! The Job Board also allows you to research career areas, save jobs, and track your applications.

Please read the instructions on the attached flyer carefully.

[Student flyer in English](#)

[Student flyer in Spanish](#)

Then go to <https://milwaukeek12.careerwebsite.com/> to get started.

Employers--post your jobs! [Download the Employer flyer](#) to learn more!

MPS Reads

Each month, MPS provides a list of recommended books for preschool through grade 12 that allows students to see themselves, explore other cultures, and discover more about the world in which they live.

Help ignite a passion for reading! [Access the book list on the MPS Reads page.](#)

STAY CONNECTED!

MPS offers tools to help families find the information and support they need. Log in to the Campus Parent Portal, download the MPS App for updates, and follow us on social media. The Parent Coordinator at your child's school also can assist.

SIGN UP FOR TEXT MESSAGES

Get important district and school messages sent to your phone!

Opt in by texting to 67587 with the message “Y”. This can be done for any mobile phone. For questions or assistance, please contact the Department of Communications and Marketing at comm@milwaukee.k12.wi.us.

MPS App

Get all the latest news and updates! Download the MPS App and follow us on social media. Fast access to news, updates, and the entire MPS website is available on the MPS App (for Apple and Android smartphone platforms). To download, use the links below.

[iOS](#) [Android](#)

MILWAUKEE BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

Upcoming Meetings: April

If you'd like to follow the meetings of the Milwaukee Board of School Directors, visit the Milwaukee Board of School Directors page to find the meeting schedule, agendas, and links to watch or listen to live meetings. Instructions for public testimony are also offered on this page.

Regular Monthly Board Meeting: **Thurs. Apr. 17, 5:30 p.m.**

Organizational Board Meeting: **Tues. Apr. 22, 5:30 p.m.**

E-notify:

Sign up today to receive MPS Board meeting information

<http://city.milwaukee.gov/enotify>

AGENDA

Meeting of the Milwaukee Public School District Advisory Council

Thursday, March 6th, 2025

6:00 pm – Virtual

- I. Welcome
- II. DAC Executive Committee Welcome
 - a. Introductions
 - b. Virtual Etiquette
- III. Consent Agenda
 - a. Family and Community Engagement Report
 - b. Review the February 2025 Meeting Agenda
- V. New Business
 - a. Director Henry Leonard, District #7th Engagement
 - i. MPS Board Information
- VI. Positive Notes
- VII. Presentation:
 - a. Jon Jagemann - Discipline Manager at Milwaukee Public Schools
 - i. District Climate
 - b. Dr. Brenda Cassellius - Superintendent of Milwaukee Public Schools
 - i. Incoming Superintendent Meet and Greet Q&A
- VII. Evaluation & Adjourn

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District Advisory Council

March 6, 2025

Eduardo Galván
Interim Superintendent

Welcome to the MPS District Advisory Council

We are excited you're joining us today!

Please sign-in with the link in the chat!

At this time, can you please mute your microphone?



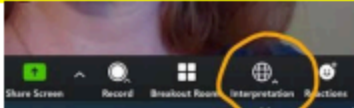
MPS parents and guardians play a vital role in the student success. We want to understand how best to support you to improve family and community engagement — your opinion is important to us.

We will begin promptly at 6:00 p.m.

Bienvenido al Consejo Asesor Distrital de MPS
¡Estamos emocionados de que te unas a nosotros hoy!

¡Por favor regístrate con el link del chat!

Si necesita interpretación en español, haga clic en el icono del globo en la parte inferior de la pantalla para acceder a esa función.



Five Priorities for Success



DAC Virtual Meeting Etiquette

- Enter Name and School representing on screen name.
- Please mute your mic.
- Enter all questions in the chat.
- Email questions and comments to dac@milwaukee.k12.wi.us

District Advisory Council Executive Committee

Name	Position	School
Joelle Worm	Chair	Maryland Ave Montessori
Briana Fox	Member	Milwaukee Spanish Immersion
Nicole Crown	Member	Engleberg and Green Tree prep
Jasmine Blakley	Member	Lloyd Barbee Montessori Parent Coordinator

If you are interested in joining the Executive Committee, please fill out the form that will be shared in the chat, and linked in this QR Code.



Consent Agenda

February 13th Meeting

February Attendance

- 1) There were 56 people in attendance

Additional Item:

1. MPS Summer Academy Enrollment
2. Links are shared in the chat



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New Business

- Director Leonard Engagement
 - Questions or Concerns:
 - 414-750-7319 or 414-550-2144
 - leonard@milwaukee.k12.wi.us
- Virtual Meetings Indefinitely



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Positive Notes

Please share the positive things going on at your schools in the chat!



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Positive Notes

- Thanks to MPS for appointing new leadership for the SELF (Special Education Liaison for Families) program in MPS. (From Tom Mueller, MPS SELF volunteer)
- On February 8th, the MPS Montessori schools came together to host **A Month of Montessori at McDowell Montessori**. This was an incredible collaboration among all MPS Montessori schools—Barbee, Craig, Fernwood, Howard, MacDowell, Maryland Avenue, and Riley—to highlight the importance of Montessori education and recruit families into our programs across the district.
- Lloyd Barbee Montessori School Highlight:
 - On Valentine's Day, they hosted the 14th annual **Bring Someone You Love to School Day**, welcoming over 200 families into the school.
 - On February 28th, we hosted our **Black History Program** to a packed house of over 150 family members. School partner, **FoodRight**, set up a booth to connect with parents and sign them up for their various programs, furthering their mission to support family engagement and wellness.

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Presentation

- District Climate
 - Presenters:
 - Jon Jagemann - Discipline Manager at Milwaukee Public Schools



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Presentation

- Dr. Brenda Cassellius
 - Incoming Superintendent Meet and Greet Q&A



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Questions

- What is your plan to make MPS better?
- How will you prioritize the issues that need to be addressed in MPS?
- Student safety has come up as an important issue for parents, how will you incorporate safety into your plans for the district?

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Questions for DAC Parents!

- What would be the best way to conduct listening sessions for parents to get the best representation and participation leading up to the new school year?
- What does trust look like to you, and what behaviors and actions would you expect of me and the team to earn your trust?
- Concerning equity of opportunity at your schools and within your community, what do you see as the priorities to create high-quality schools in every neighborhood?

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Minutes

- II. Welcome - Joelle Worm DAC Executive Committee Chair
- III. DAC Executive Committee Welcome
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- V. New Business
 - b. Director Henry Leonard, District #7th Engagement
 - i. MPS Board Information - upcoming Community Meeting March 26th at Central Office hosted by Director Leonard.
- VI. Positive Notes
- VII. Presentation:
 - a. Jon Jagemann - Discipline Manager at Milwaukee Public Schools
 - i. District Climate - shared recent data from schools and policies for behavior. Q and A with parents and info about the Family Navigator Position to assist families going through the CO process.
 - b. Dr. Brenda Cassellius - Superintendent of Milwaukee Public Schools
 - i. Incoming Superintendent Meet and Greet Q&A
 - 1. She introduced herself and shared upcoming plans
 - 2. Questions were answered from both the slides and the chat, and additional topics included lead in schools issues, budget, etc.
 - 3. Dr. Cassellius asked the families 3 questions as well, and there was feedback and discussion