

March Consent Agenda 2025

DAC Family Engagement Report February 6, 2025

[MPS SELECTS NEXT SUPERINTENDENT](#)

The Milwaukee Board of School Directors has announced their choice for the next superintendent. The district extended the offer to Dr. Brenda Cassellius, former superintendent of Boston Public Schools, who accepted the role.

The three finalists spent time in the district on February 6 and 7, meeting with students, staff, families, and community members.

More information about the search process can be found on the [Superintendent Search](#) page on the MPS website. More details about the superintendent transition will be shared in the coming weeks.



[9th ANNUAL CELEBRATING ABILITIES 2025](#)

Milwaukee Public Schools will host a family forum focusing on the needs of special education students and their families on March 8th. The event will help families learn more about special education services, programs and summer opportunities. Please share the information with all families to join us at Marshall High School, 4141 N. 64th Street, Milwaukee. It is from 8:30 to 1:30 pm and includes refreshments and food.

Scan or register at

<https://mpsmke.com/mpsca2025>

Attachment:

[Flyer](#)



SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATE FORUM

Local school board candidates will be on the ballot April 1st. LIT high school students are hosting a school board candidate forum hoping to educate the community on each candidate's values and plans for the upcoming election. This is a non-partisan event!

LIT students will be asking Milwaukee school board candidates questions for the community to better understand them as candidates.

This event is in partnership with the MTEA* - MTEA's endorsements do not reflect upon LIT.

Thursday, March 6th, 6 – 8pm CST

2480 W Cherry St Milwaukee, WI 53205

<https://www.mobilize.us/mobilize/event/750969/>

SPRING TESTING

MPS students in grades 3-11 will take part in state testing this spring. The district is required to use standardized exams to measure student achievement in English language arts, math, science, and social studies. The type of test and testing dates vary by grade level.

March 12: High school juniors will take the ACT test, which is required on many college applications. Grades 9, 10, and 12 do not attend school on March 12.

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**](#)

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.

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.](#)

WEATHER CLOSING INFORMATION

With the arrival of winter, please be alert for school closings due to weather. The decision to close schools will be posted on the [MPS website](#), MPS [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) pages, and on all major television and news stations.

Visit our [Weather Information webpage](#) for more information

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:

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.

Committee on Parent and Community Engagement: Tues. Mar. 11, 5:30 p.m.

Committee on Legislation, Rules, and Policies: Tues. Mar. 11, 6:00 p.m.

Committee on Student Achievement and School Innovation: Thurs. Mar. 13, 5:30 p.m.

Committee on Accountability, Finance, and Personnel: Tues. Mar. 18, 5:30 p.m.

Regular Monthly Board Meeting: Thurs. Mar. 20, 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, February 13, 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 January 2025 Meeting Agenda
- V. New Business
 - a. Director Henry Leonard, District #7th Engagement
 - i. MPS Board Information
- VI. Positive Notes
- VII. Presentation:
 - a. Lisa Kingery, MS, RD CEO, FoodRight, Inc.
 - i. Good School Food Project
 - b. David Fifarek - Senior Director of School Bus and Transportation Services
 - i. MPS Bus App and DAC pilot/feedback
- VII. Evaluation & Adjourn

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District Advisory Council

February 25, 2025

Eduardo Galván
Interim Superintendent

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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.

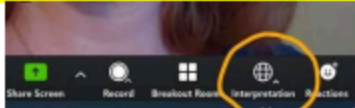
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Bienvenido al Consejo Asesor Distrital de MPS

¡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.



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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

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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.



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January 2nd Meeting

January Attendance

- 1) There were 47 people in attendance



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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

17 area schools attended a Middle School Forensics tournament at Maryland Ave. Montessori on Sunday, February 2, 2025.



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Presentation

- Good School Food Project
 - Presenters:
 - Leslie Krueger, RDN, Health Equity Program Director
 - Anita Garrett, Good School Food Parent Ambassador



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 - Presenter: David Fifarek - Senior Director of School Bus and Transportation Services



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Minutes

- II. Welcome - Joelle Worm
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