

# BEYOND THE BOARD ROOM

AN INITIATIVE OF THE MILWAUKEE BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

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District 2

## A NOTE FROM DIRECTOR WENDELL J. HARRIS, SR.

I recently had the opportunity to attend the National School Board Association's Council of Urban Boards of Education (CUBE) 49th Annual Conference, *Where do we go from here? Equity, Excellence, and Unity*. The conference provided a critical forum to examine what we need to do as a society to ensure that there are equitable learning opportunities for all children, regardless of their race and socioeconomic status. This is extremely relevant to current issues in education in Milwaukee and Wisconsin. Looking at education through an equity lens is essential to ensuring all students have what they need to be successful. Equitable education is an issue I have been working on for decades, and it needs to be everyone's focus. I challenge all students, families, staff, community members, and individuals involved in the educational process to think about how you can contribute to an educational environment that is consistently and effectively equitable.

## SPOTLIGHT ON DISTRICT 2 HIGH SCHOOL ADMISSION



The high school early enrollment period for the 2017-18 school year is now open through November 11. District 2 is home to a variety of high school options: Marshall High School, Milwaukee School of Languages, Hmong American Peace Academy (HAPA), and Carmen NW. MPS will offer evening and weekend support

sessions during the enrollment period to support parents and students in completing early admissions applications. High schools throughout the district will also host open houses to provide 8th grade students the opportunity to learn about all MPS high school programs. For more information about high school early admissions, contact the Department of Student Services at 475-8159 or [earlyadmission@milwaukee.k12.wi.us](mailto:earlyadmission@milwaukee.k12.wi.us).

## OCTOBER MEETINGS MILWAUKEE BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

Committee on  
Legislation, Rules  
and Policies

**OCT 11**  
5:30PM

Committee on  
Accountability,  
Finance, and Personnel

**OCT 11**  
6:30PM

Committee on  
Student Achievement  
and School Innovation

**OCT 18**  
5:30PM

Regular Monthly  
Board Meeting

**OCT 27**  
6:30PM

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meeting agendas, visit  
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