The M³ Initiative
MPS, MATC and UWM

Achieving Student Success
In Milwaukee, K through College

AGENDA

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- M³ Goals
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Milwaukee Public Schools

- Core Vision, Mission, Goals
- Importance of M³

Mission, Vision & Goals

**Mission**
Milwaukee Public Schools is a diverse district that welcomes all students, preparing them for success in higher education, post-educational opportunities, work, and citizenship.

**Vision**
Milwaukee Public Schools will be among the highest student growth school systems in the country. All district staff will be committed to providing an educational environment that is child-centered, supports achievement, and respects diversity. Schools will be safe, welcoming, well-maintained and accessible community centers meeting the needs of all. Relevant, rigorous and successful instructional programs will be recognized and replicated. The district and its schools will collaborate with students, families and community for the benefit of all.

**Goals**

- Academic Achievement
- Student, Family & Community Engagement
- Effective & Efficient Operations
Who We Are
• 77,391 students
• 158 schools
• 9,000 employees
• $1.1 billion budget

Improving Student Outcomes
• Commitment Schools Initiative
  o Transforming 14 underperforming schools into high-performing schools through rigorous and academic and behavioral changes
  o Outcome: Most K-8 grades are narrowing reading and math achievement gaps. High school results will be released in spring
Improving Student Outcomes

• **5-in1 Collaborative**
  - Creating unique effort with major partners – Northwestern Mutual, City Year Milwaukee, Teach for America and Schools That Can Milwaukee – to pursue excellence at Carver Academy
  - Outcome: Attendance, behavior and learning are improving

• **Community Schools Partnership with United Way**
  - Partnering to support community school coordinators at Auer, Bradley Tech and James Madison Academic Campus
  - Outcome: Coordinators link schools and community to improve student achievement and school-community climate

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Strategic Objectives

**Goal I:**

**Academic Achievement**

1. Closing the Gap
2. Educating the Whole Child
3. Redefining the MPS Experience
4. Rethinking High Schools
Strategic Objectives
Goal II: Student, Family and Community Engagement
  5. Re-envisioning Partnerships
  6. Communication & Outreach

Strategic Objectives
Goal III: Efficient and Effective Operations
  7. Workforce Development
  8. Organizational Processes
Milwaukee Area Technical College

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Milwaukee Area Technical College Mission

As a public, two-year comprehensive technical college, MATC offers exceptional educational and training opportunities and services to our diverse metropolitan area by engaging with partners to advance the quality of life for our students and community.
Milwaukee Area Technical College

- Over 40,000 students-Minority Majority college
- Largest of the 16 WTCS colleges
- 4 campuses, 2 centers
- Over 40 CBOs
- Over 400 transfer agreements including HBCs

Milwaukee Area Technical College

Average Earnings of MATC Graduates

- $36,542 Associate Degree
- $30,616 Technical Diploma

95% of MATC graduates live and work in Wisconsin, most in the Milwaukee area.
MATC Commitment to Completion Challenge

- Increase Associate Degree and Technical Diploma graduates by 50% by 2020 to help ensure
- globally competitive workforce.

MATC Provides Necessary Middle-Skill Training
Essential to Vitality of Greater Milwaukee

Between 2010-2020, 51% of job openings in Wisconsin will be middle-skill.
- Middle-skill jobs require education beyond high school but not a four-year degree
- Middle-skill jobs make up the largest part of America’s and Wisconsin’s labor market.

Source: National Skills Coalition
UW-Milwaukee

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UWM Vision

We will be a top-tier research university that is the best place to learn and work for students, faculty and staff, and that is a leading driver for sustainable prosperity.

We will accomplish this through a commitment to excellence, powerful ideas, community and global engagement, and collaborative partnerships.
UW-Milwaukee

• Mission: to fulfill its mission as a major urban doctoral university and to meet the diverse needs of Wisconsin's largest metropolitan area, the University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee must provide a wide array of degree programs, a balanced program of applied and basic research, and a faculty who are active in public service.

• 5 Key Areas
  - Student Success
  - Elevate Research
  - Community Engagement and Partnerships
  - Climate and Culture
  - Increase Brand, Visibility, and Image

UW-Milwaukee

• 28,000+ students (23k UG, 5k Grad)
• Only public, urban research institution in WI
• 14 schools/colleges
• Award: Best online college in WI (TheBestSchools.org)
• Only one in WI: Architecture, Freshwater Science, ASL
• Leading WI educator of military veterans
UW-Milwaukee
Vital to Business and Community

- $1.5B impact in WI since 2012
- 2,100+ business/community partners
- Talent pipeline for employers
- 74% of graduates live and work in WI
- 5,600 graduates/year

Purpose of M³

- Create a road map for students and families
- Marshall the resources of the three largest public educational entities serving Wisconsinites
- Contribute to the good work many are already doing
- Positively impact the Milwaukee population and economy
M\(^3\) Goals

Goal 1: Raise Aspirations, Readiness, and Success of Students

- Create blueprint of educational goals for MPS students
- Ensure smooth transition for MPS students to advance to MATC and UWM
- Highlight “world of work”

M\(^3\) Goals

Goal 2: Educate Families about the Value of Post-secondary Learning

- Equip students and families with tools
  - Parent workshops
  - Homework assistance
  - Career information
  - Paths for parents to complete high school degree
- Recruit MPS students in wide-spread and robust manner
- Grow effective and strong relationships between partner advisors, faculty, and administrators
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Goal 3: Align Curriculum and Services from Middle School to Post-secondary Education

Examples include:

- Use curriculum with clear pathways to college, careers, and connections to the real world
- Plan class schedules to ensure readiness for college or career
- Expose students to STEM mentors, career camps, and technical career programs
M³ Goals

Goal 4: Create and Cultivate a Culture of Learning in which there is an Expectation to Continue Education after High School

• Raise financial assistance for mentoring, advisors, and scholarships earmarked for MPS students
• Create plan to increase number of Milwaukee students who engage in paid internships
• Build pathway for students to learn skills through summer and after-school programs such as boot camps, career exploration, co-teaching, and service learning

Next Steps

• Retreat Planning
• Participants
• Goal Development
• Resource Planning
• Implementation
• Evaluation and Communication
Questions and Answers