



Milwaukee Public Schools' superintendent, Dr. Darienne Driver, helps a student at Craig Montessori School with a class assignment.

MPS Update

A successful school year ends and plans for the new school year are underway

Dear MPS Community Members:

My first school year as superintendent of Milwaukee Public Schools was a time of celebrations and success but also challenges and change. I want to personally thank those of you who are generously supporting our schools and students. We have great plans for the 2015-16 school year. Look for some exciting changes in MPS next year, including:

- ▶ Increasing the number of seats in successful, high-demand programs such as Hmong American Peace Academy — recognized for its success by *U.S. News & World Report* — and adding a third campus for Universal Academy for the College Bound.
- ▶ Expanding two popular MPS Montessori programs – Maryland Avenue and Fernwood – with building additions and exploring a second campus for Milwaukee Spanish Immersion School.
- ▶ Launching a new attendance campaign in collaboration with the Milwaukee Bucks and making new school and district-based efforts to increase attendance.
- ▶ Adding staff to accelerate reading and math outcomes.
- ▶ Creating a new high school support team to address the unique needs of high schools and to develop strategies that will lead to greater success.

I hope you all have a wonderful summer. Look for more updates this fall.

Best,

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