



2017-2018 STATE AUDIT REPORT

State guidelines required us to embargo information on the audit until after the audit report was released. We have worked closely with state examiners and law enforcement when necessary throughout this process. We have helped to identify several instances of fund mismanagement, and we are grateful to state auditors for the discoveries they have made and the resources they have devoted to the thorough investigation of these issues. This has been a true team effort.

There are financial rules and guidelines in place for employees who handle school funds, and we expect everyone to follow them. Those who do not will be held accountable. We have been providing training for our administrators and bookkeepers about the proper procedures for handling school money. That training will be ongoing for both new hires and current employees. We also have safeguards in place to help ensure that financial practices throughout the district are compliant with state statutes. These safeguards will help ensure that nothing like what is detailed in the state's audit report is allowed to happen again.

We are entrusted with overseeing the use of school funds, and we take that responsibility very seriously. We will not tolerate the misuse of funds intended for our students. While MPS does not itself have a policing arm, we will continue to work with law enforcement agencies if and when it is necessary to do so. We want to ensure that the public knows that we will remain vigilant in our oversight of public money for schools and that there will be accountability when school employees fail to follow proper procedures.