

# CONGRATULATIONS

## SCHOOL DISTRICT OF SOUTH MILWAUKEE

### 2017 NATIONAL DISTRICT OF CHARACTER

Where the classroom impacts the world.



**RESPECT | RESPONSIBILITY | HONESTY | KINDNESS | PERSEVERANCE**

## OUR MISSION

We, along with our community, commit to deliberate excellence for all learners by engaging and educating the whole person to succeed in a dynamic society.

## ABOUT US

- 3,200 students at four elementary schools (K4-grade 5) and our 15th Avenue Campus houses one middle school (grades 6-8), and one high school (grades 9-12)
- 350 dedicated staff members deeply rooted in tradition and committed to the success of all students

## WE PROVIDE

- Authentic and enduring learning for staff and students
- A tradition of innovation in teaching and learning
- On-site environmental education resources
- Strong shared leadership
- Block scheduling and flexible programming
- State-of-the-art technology
- Robust curriculum and instruction
- Deliberate attention to positive character development

## DID YOU KNOW?

- Our high school has been accredited by North Central Association since 1909, and our district is the first public school district in Southeastern Wisconsin to be fully accredited by AdvancED/North Central Association.
- Our schools co-sponsor the annual Wisconsin Character Education Conference. We were named a State School District of Character by the Wisconsin Character Education Partnership in 2015 and a National District of Character by Character.org in 2017.
- We offer comprehensive K12 programs in art, music, physical education, gifted & talented, English as a Second Language, and special education.
- Students are able to earn college credit or advanced standing through Advanced Placement and more than 20 courses articulated with MATC.
- We personalize student experiences through academies, alternative education, certificate programs, and 1:1 technology devices.
- Following graduation, about 72% of our students go on to a two or four year college.
- South Milwaukee high school seniors earned over \$2.9 million in scholarships in 2017.
- Milwaukee Magazine (2012) ranked South Milwaukee School District as the #1 "After-School All Star" and South Milwaukee High School as the #2 "OVERPERFORMING High School."
- We boast award-winning elementary schools, including a four-time winner of the Wisconsin Promise School of Recognition.
- Over 73% of our teachers have a Master's Degree or higher.
- Professional development and training enhances the continuous learning of our staff.
- Schools benefit from active parent involvement at every level.

## CURRICULUM EXPECTATIONS

Rigorous, universal and standards-based curriculum, researched-based instructional practices and strategies, and common assessments used to monitor student achievement.

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

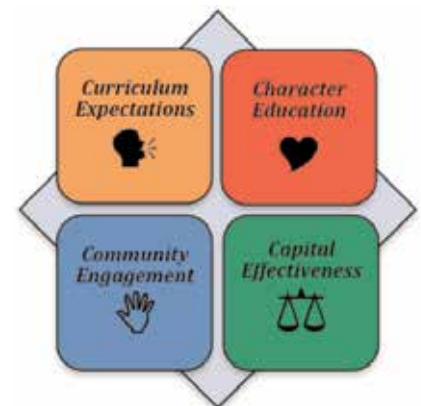
Partnerships with students, families, school district staff, community members, and alumni.

## CHARACTER EDUCATION

Teaching how to know, believe, and do your best for self and others. Emphasis on respect, responsibility, honesty, kindness, and perseverance.

## CAPITAL EFFECTIVENESS

Effective and efficient stewardship of resources to advance the Mission and Vision of the district.



**EQUITY, ENGAGEMENT, AND EXCELLENCE FOR ALL**

# SCHOOL DISTRICT OF SOUTH MILWAUKEE

## OUR VISION

*To create a dynamic environment where the world becomes the classroom so the classroom impacts the world.*

## CITY OF SOUTH MILWAUKEE: PROUD PAST...PROMISING FUTURE

The School District of South Milwaukee, Wisconsin, is nestled in a unique community. Surrounded by major metropolitan areas abundant with rich cultural opportunities, South Milwaukee is a small, charming suburb with proximity to Milwaukee County's Grant Park on beautiful Lake Michigan. Minutes from the Lake Parkway and its access to Milwaukee, we are a community with a proud past, a promising future, and a strong commitment to educational excellence.

We are staffed by top-notch, caring teachers, administrators, and support staff willing to go above and beyond to provide students with the best possible opportunities to succeed each day and in the future.



In 2004, the community of South Milwaukee proudly invested in its schools by opening a state-of-the-art campus for grades six through twelve. This campus honors the heritage of the South Milwaukee community and recognizes the deep roots that connect generations of residents. The facility boasts a well-equipped and widely-used Fitness Center, an elevated indoor track, and an acoustically splendid and well-booked Performing Arts Center. Innovative teaching and learning thrive on our technology-rich campus. Best of all, it is widely accessible to community members, creating pride, ownership, and identity.

### At A Glance

- Full Fitness Center with membership open to the community
- Performing Arts Center with over 95 performances each year
- Cutting edge technology throughout the district

## SOUTH MILWAUKEE ALUMNI

We encourage you to continue communication with us. Register at [www.alumni.class.com/southmilwaukee](http://www.alumni.class.com/southmilwaukee)

## CONTACT US

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## LEADERSHIP

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### District Office

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Blaise Paul\*

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Jennifer L. Sielaff\*

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Thomas Vogel

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*Student Learning &  
Technology Coordinator*  
Brian Gannon

### Principals

*South Milwaukee High School*  
Beth Kaminski

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Jim Hendrickson

*Blakewood Elementary*  
David Newman

*Lakeview Elementary*  
Cindy Dennis

*E. W. Luther Elementary*  
Eric Wightman

*Rawson Elementary*  
Nicole Horsley\*

### Recreation Department

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Ante Udovicic\*

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Stan Dorff\*

*Performing Arts Center Director*  
Rachel Sorce\*

*Fitness Center Coordinator*  
John Nall\*

### SM Legacy

*President*  
John Lange\*

\* SM Alumni,  
Parents of Alumni,  
and/or Parents of  
Current Students

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