

MILWAUKEE PARENTAL CHOICE PROGRAM (MPCP)

MPCP Facts and Figures for 1999-2000

As of November 2001

In January 2000 there were 91 private schools participating in the MPCP, with a total enrollment of 7,884 students in the program. Table 1 and Table 2 provide the total number of students in the MPCP by where (and if) they were enrolled at school in 1998-99. The number of students listed in the table is reported by headcount and full-time equivalent (FTE). For example, a four-year-old kindergarten student may be counted as 0.5 or 0.6 FTE.

TABLE 1

1999-2000 MPCP Students' Prior Year Enrollments 3rd Friday in September 1999

| <u>1998-99 Enrollment</u> | 3rd Friday in September 1999 | | | |
|---|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| | <u>Headcount</u> | <u>% of Headcount</u> | <u>FTE</u> | <u>% of FTE</u> |
| Enrolled in MPS | 1,895 | 23.7% | 1,886.2 | 24.8% |
| Participated in MPCP | 4,547 | 56.8% | 4,516.5 | 59.5% |
| Enrolled in a Private School, not in MPCP | 263 | 3.3% | 257 | 3.4% |
| Not Enrolled in School Anywhere | 1,194 | 14.9% | 828.9 | 10.9% |
| Qualified under 1995 Grandfather Clause | 108 | 1.3% | 107.5 | 1.4% |
| Total Students | 8,007 | 100% | 7,596.1 | 100% |

TABLE 2

1999-2000 MPCP Students' Prior Year Enrollments 2nd Friday in January 2000

| <u>1998-99 Enrollment</u> | 2nd Friday in January 2000 | | | |
|---|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| | <u>Headcount</u> | <u>% of Headcount</u> | <u>FTE</u> | <u>% of FTE</u> |
| Enrolled in MPS | 1,908 | 24.2% | 1,901.6 | 25.4% |
| Participated in MPCP | 4,413 | 56.0% | 4,386.1 | 58.7% |
| Enrolled in a Private School, not in MPCP | 276 | 3.5% | 270 | 3.6% |
| Not Enrolled in School Anywhere | 1,174 | 14.9% | 809.9 | 10.8% |
| Qualified under 1995 Grandfather Clause | 113 | 1.4% | 112.5 | 1.5% |
| Total Students | 7,884 | 100% | 7,480.1 | 100% |

The 1999-01 state budget signed in October 1999 modified the financing of the MPCP in several important ways. First, beginning in the 1999-2000 school year, the MPCP state aid amount increases over the prior year's amount by the statewide per pupil increase allowed under the revenue limits on public school districts. So the 1999-2000 state aid amount is the 1998-1999 amount of \$4,894 per student increased by \$212 which equals \$5,106 per FTE student. Participating schools receive the MPCP state aid amount or the private school's operating and debt service cost per student, whichever is less. The operating and debt service cost per student at each school is determined by an independent auditor in a report due to the DPI by September 1 following the school year. The school's costs per pupil determined in that report will be compared to the MPCP state aid amount and, if less, the school will owe the difference back to the state.

The second change in the state budget established that the students in the MPCP are no longer counted in the Milwaukee Public School's count for purposes of either state aid or revenue limits. Third, the amount needed to fund the MPCP will now be funded 50% from a reduction in state aid to MPS and 50% from a reduction in state aid to the other 425 public school districts in the state. Based on a total FTE count of 7,575.1 in the MPCP (average of 7,596.1 FTE September count with 7,480.1 FTE January count and 37.0 FTE summer school count added), MPCP state aid payments totaled \$38.7 million in 1999-2000. As under old law, MPS and other school districts can replace that lost state aid with local property tax levy under the revenue limit. Table 3 shows the MPCP enrollment by grade level for the 3rd Friday in September and 2nd Friday in January 1999-2000 count dates.

TABLE 3
MPCP 1999-2000 Enrollment by Grade Level

| <u>Grade Level</u> | 3rd Friday in September | | 2nd Friday in January | |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------|------------------------------|----------------|
| | <u>Headcount</u> | <u>FTE</u> | <u>Headcount</u> | <u>FTE</u> |
| 4 Year-Old Kindergarten | 822 | 446.1 | 820 | 444.6 |
| 5 Year-Old Kindergarten | 1,001 | 966 | 988 | 959.5 |
| 1st Grade | 954 | 954 | 924 | 924 |
| 2nd Grade | 888 | 888 | 864 | 864 |
| 3rd Grade | 740 | 740 | 724 | 724 |
| 4th Grade | 704 | 704 | 695 | 695 |
| 5th Grade | 609 | 609 | 601 | 601 |
| 6th Grade | 648 | 648 | 643 | 643 |
| 7th Grade | 541 | 541 | 549 | 549 |
| 8th Grade | 486 | 486 | 477 | 477 |
| 9th Grade | 283 | 283 | 279 | 279 |
| 10th Grade | 164 | 164 | 159 | 159 |
| 11th Grade | 104 | 104 | 99 | 99 |
| 12th Grade | 63 | 63 | 62 | 62 |
| Totals | 8,007 | 7,596.1 | 7,884 | 7,480.1 |