



**MILWAUKEE  
PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

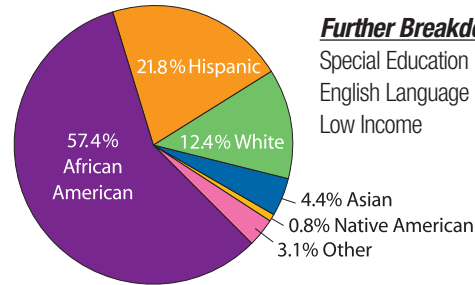


**WCAIO**

# The Wisconsin Coalition of Asian Indian Organizations generously supports Milwaukee Public Schools

## MPS FACTS AT A GLANCE

- There are 213 schools within MPS, including: 127 Elementary schools (including K8s); 17 Middle schools; 58 High schools; 11 Combined middle and high schools. Schools are a mix of traditional, charter, alternative and partnership schools. In addition, the district has Early Childhood programs and Head Start.
- Enrollment: 85,368



### Further Breakdown (2007-08):

Special Education	17.7%
English Language Learners	8.0%
Low Income	77.8%

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## AUTOMATIC EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS (AEDS)

### Challenges:

- Up to 350,000 Americans die each year from Sudden Cardiac Arrest. That's almost 1,000 per day.
- Approximately one in 500 Americans lives with an undetected heart defect.
- The American Heart Association and Red Cross report that the chance of survival has moved from 3% with CPR alone to 50% with AEDs and CPR.
- For every minute that goes by without defibrillation, a cardiac arrest victim's chance of survival decreases by 10%. After 10 minutes, the chance of survival is practically nonexistent.
- Since October 2006, there have been three incidents of people in cardiac arrest being saved by trained responders in MPS, including two staff members and one 13-year-old child who suffered a sudden cardiac arrest while in gym class.

### Impact of WCAIO's support:

- WCAIO members presented MPS with a check for \$65,395 in 2007 to support the AED Program.
- WCAIO's generous donation supported the purchase of AED units and training at 49 MPS schools.
- Currently the AED program in MPS includes over 1,800 people in trained teams that cover 135 schools and offices where defibrillators have been installed.



WCAIO President Bobby Dhir presents the donation to MPS Superintendent William Andrekopoulos. With them, in the back row, are Amit Ray, Anup Khullar, Yogesh Khatri, Himanshu Parikh and Sadanand Manoli. In the front row are MPS' Ann Riojas and Becky Neumann-Schwabe, RN BSN.

## VISION PROJECT 20/20

### Challenges:

- Children from low-income families are at greater risk for health problems that often predict poor academic performance. This includes vision problems.
- In the US today, fewer than 20% of children are adequately screened for vision problems.
- There is a strong connection between vision and learning.
- About 80% of all learning during a child's first 12 years is obtained through vision — and yet over 80% of pre-school and school-age children in the country never receive a vision screening.
- MPS partners with community agencies such as Prevent Blindness of Wisconsin to perform vision screenings in our schools with volunteers. Students who failed vision screenings are referred for appropriate care.

### Impact of WCAIO's support:

- WCAIO members presented MPS with a check for \$10,000 in 2006 to support the Vision Project 20/20 Program.
- Project 20/20 provides free follow-up exams and prescription eyeglass to eligible children from low-income and uninsured families. More than 61 students have been provided with services, with capacity to help another 30.

