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City Forward Collective Celebrates Progress in Equal and Increased Funding for Milwaukee's K-12 Students

Parent and community action led to \$140 million in new funding for Milwaukee's students.

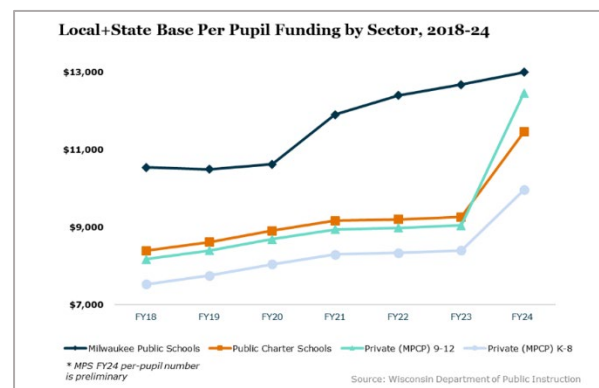
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MILWAUKEE – In gratitude for the hundreds of Milwaukee parents who tapped into their #ParentPower to advocate for equal funding for all students, City Forward Collective celebrates the additional \$140 million allocated for Milwaukee's 110,244 K-12 students through the state budget (Act 19), and the companion bill on K12 school funding (Act 11).

"We are so thankful decision-makers are listening to parents, teachers, students, and school leaders and continue to prioritize K-12 education," says Brittany Kinser, CEO of City Forward Collective. "Milwaukee's parents are powerful. Our role was to give them the information they needed to understand the funding gap and how they could use their voice to advocate for their children. We could not have achieved this historic win without their passionate and relentless advocacy."

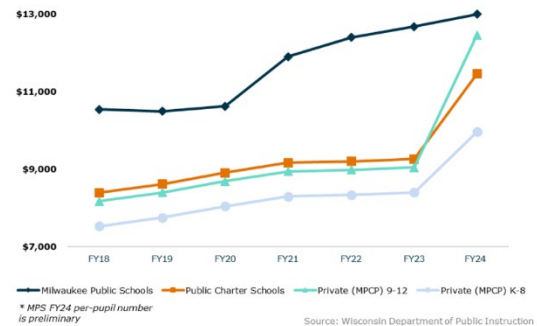
Students in public charter and private schools accepting Milwaukee Parental Choice Program (MPCP) vouchers have always received fewer dollars per pupil than Milwaukee Public School (MPS) students, and the funding gap had substantially increased over time. This recent funding

reduces that gap for Milwaukee's students. See *graphic or the Preliminary Report: A Historic Investment in Education* at cityforwardcollective.org/publications.



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Local+State Base Per Pupil Funding by Sector, 2018-24



“We are encouraged by this bipartisan step towards ensuring every child has the opportunity to attend a high-quality school,” said Colleston Morgan, Executive Director of City Forward Collective. “Each one of Milwaukee’s K12 students is limitless in their brilliance, and boundless in their potential. I know this firsthand: the education I received in Milwaukee schools, both public and private, prepared me for life. This funding provides vital resources to all schools to better serve the next generation of Milwaukee students: to address our city’s academic achievement crisis through proven instructional methods, to fully and appropriately serve our most vulnerable students, and to provide social, emotional, and mental health supports for all students. Our city’s kids can’t wait.”

About City Forward Collective

City Forward Collective is a team of school leaders, educators, and passionate advocates working together to secure Milwaukee’s future by ensuring every child has the opportunity to attend a high-quality school. To learn more, visit cityforwardcollective.org.