

Milwaukee Public Schools

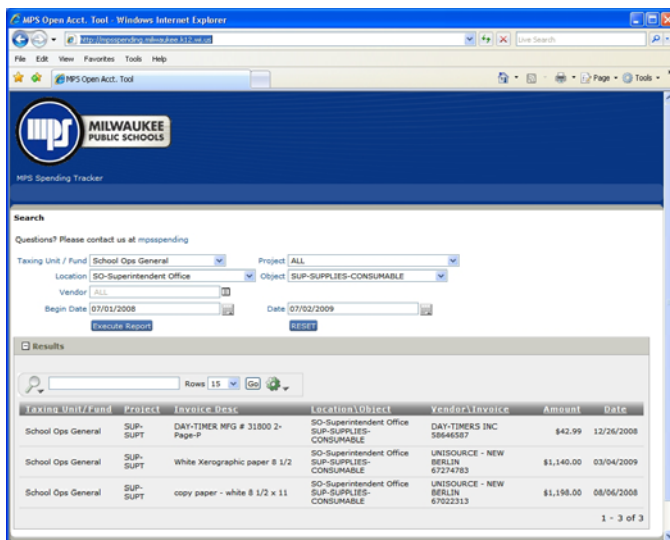
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MPS expense records now available online

District takes steps to provide transparency on costs

July brings the start of a new fiscal year for Milwaukee Public Schools, and heralds the start of an online service that allows visitors to the district's Web site the ability to see how the district spends taxpayer dollars. Look for the service on the MPS Web site under Budget & Finance as an option labeled "MPS Spending", or use the following link: <http://mpsspending.milwaukee.k12.wi.us/>

Any visitor to the site, including citizens, members of the media and district personnel will be able to search the massive database to review purchase invoices sorted in a variety of ways, such as date, vendor name, school or department. Drop-down menus on the search page will assist the user.



No special equipment is required on the user's part. MPS' Office of Finance & Operations maintains the database. The records reflect purchases that have been made, and not expenses that are anticipated. Records will show purchases starting with the new fiscal year which began July 1, 2009, and date back to the 2005 fiscal year. Users who have questions regarding the database can e-mail their inquiries to mpsspending@milwaukee.k12.wi.us

"MPS manages millions of dollars in support of public education each year," said Superintendent William Andrekopoulos. "The district is also in receipt of millions in federal stimulus funds over the next two years. In every decision we make to spend those dollars, we are committed to transparency and accountability."

MPS is the largest public school district in Wisconsin. Its strategic plan, *Working Together, Achieving More*, helps guide district improvement and achievement. For additional information, call Roseann St. Aubin, Communications Director, at (414) 475-8237.