

Helping students succeed



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Sawyer on Schools



Catching up from the pandemic

As the pandemic winds down (we hope), CMS is very aware that some students are struggling to get back on grade-level. National research tells us that teachers should go ahead and present the current grade-level material -- then give extra support, as needed, to help students grasp it. So that's the CMS strategy this school-year. [Read more here >>](#)

Is this working for your students? Please [let me know](#).

COVID-19 Testing Update

The weekly testing program of unvaccinated staff will expand from elementary and middle schools to high schools beginning this week.

CMS is also working toward the districtwide November 1 launch of a diagnostic testing program for students and staff. With required consent, students can access diagnostic testing if they develop symptoms or are identified as a close contact to someone who tests positive. This testing may allow students to return to school earlier, shortening quarantine and ruling out a COVID diagnosis. Learn more about the diagnostic testing program [here](#).

Profound Gentlemen Partnership

CMS Human Resources announces a new initiative in partnership with Profound Gentlemen to support the employee experience of Black and Latinx male educators in CMS.

Research has shown that having male of color coaches greatly improves the social, emotional, and academic progress of all students. Profound Gentlemen mirrors these findings by enhancing the relationship between male educators of color and the communities they serve. With an annual retention rate of 98%, we aspire to improve the lived experience of CMS male educators of color, ultimately keeping them in the profession. [Learn more >>](#)

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