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## TEACH FOR AMERICA—MILWAUKEE LAUNCHES REGIONAL SUMMER INSTITUTE

*In Partnership with Milwaukee Public Schools, Marquette University, Alverno College and Cardinal Stritch University, The Institute Will Increase Summer School Capacity and Provide Development for Teachers*

**MILWAUKEE, June 6, 2017**—Teach For America—Milwaukee announced today the start of its first Milwaukee Regional Institute to prepare incoming corps members for the 2017-2018 school year. In partnership with Milwaukee Public Schools, MPS, teachers from Teach For America will help expand capacity during MPS' Summer Academy by delivering rigorous instruction to nearly 450 summer academy students in K–12th grade.

“We are very excited to have the support of Teach For America—Milwaukee to extend learning opportunities for our students,” said MPS superintendent Dr. Darienne Driver. “It’s important to offer learning opportunities during the summer that will keep children learning and prepared for success each year. This expanded partnership will provide professional development opportunities for veteran teachers and ground new talent from Teach For America in our mission and work earlier in their journey.”

During the Milwaukee Regional Institute, new Teach For America corps members will experience an intensive seven-week training that focuses on effective instructional techniques and setting rigorous standards for student achievement. In the classroom, veteran teachers from MPS will mentor corps members as they provide students with instruction each day. These mentor teachers will receive a unique professional development experience that will help prepare them to take on leadership roles in their schools and in the district. With classrooms having an average 15 student roster, there will be a 3 to 1 student teacher ratio providing opportunity for more individualized learning as educators teach, tutor, and engage with students during their summer school enrichment.

Outside of the classroom, new corps members will take a first year teacher’s course created with input from leaders at Alverno College, Cardinal Stritch University, and Marquette University. Additionally, corps members will attend workshops on culturally relevant teaching and classroom community, while formulating relationships with colleagues and students they will teach in the fall. Since 2009, Teach For America—Milwaukee has had a strong relationship with their university partners, who provide a two-year graduate licensing program leading to a Master’s degree in Education and a teaching license in elementary, secondary, early childhood, bilingual education, or special education.

“After eight years of corps members working out of state for their summer training, we were thrilled to learn Teach For America—Milwaukee was designing their own summer institute for 2017. With the graduate education program leaders at Alverno and Cardinal Stritch, we jumped at the opportunity to collaborate with TFA-Milwaukee to assist in designing curriculum for new teacher leaders that will support growth and success for Milwaukee students this summer”, said Tyra Hildebrand, Assistant Director of the Teach For America

program at Marquette University. “We look forward to corps members living on our campus this summer while they are completing their Summer Institute program.”

“The Milwaukee Regional Institute presents a special opportunity for Milwaukee students and teachers,” said Walter Bond, executive director of Teach For America—Milwaukee. “We’ve been intentional to even more deeply ground our corps members in the context of Milwaukee, which we believe serves to strengthen their commitment to widening access to opportunities for our children. The expertise of veteran MPS educators and the first year preparation course designed in collaboration with Marquette, Alverno and Cardinal Stritch will additionally provide a dynamic academic experience for our students and invaluable preparation for our teachers.”

During the Milwaukee Regional Institute, many of the incoming teachers will live on campus at Marquette University, learning about and investing in the city while building important relationships with local educators, community members, and families of the students they teach. Thanks in part to support from community leaders and donors like the Northwestern Mutual Foundation, Herb Kohl Foundation, and We Energies Foundation, Teach For America teachers will conduct summer instruction at Greenfield Bilingual and Barack Obama School of Career and Technical Education. The Milwaukee Regional Institute will take place from June 12 to July 28 with MPS Summer Academy running from June 26 until July 28.

This past school year, 130 Teach For America corps members taught in more than 60 public schools in Milwaukee. These teachers reached 6,000 students while more than 500 alumni in Milwaukee are working from every sector to level the playing field for students in low-income communities.

#### **About Teach For America**

Teach For America works in partnership with communities to expand educational opportunity for children facing the challenges of poverty. Founded in 1990, Teach For America recruits and develops a diverse corps of outstanding college graduates and professionals to make an initial two-year commitment to teach in high-need schools and become lifelong leaders in the effort to end educational inequity. Corps members are teaching today in 53 urban and rural regions across the country. They join more than 12,000 alumni educators in a teaching force of 19,000 and an overall community that is 53,000 strong, working across every sector to ensure that all children have access to an excellent education. For more information, visit [www.teachforamerica.org](http://www.teachforamerica.org) and follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

#### **About Milwaukee Public Schools**

Milwaukee Public Schools is committed to accelerating student achievement, building positive relationships between youth and adults and cultivating leadership at all levels. The district’s commitment to improvement continues to show results: More MPS students are taking college-level Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate courses; The MPS Class of 2016 earned \$51+ million in scholarships; and MPS is home to seven of the state and nation’s top high schools according to U.S. News and World Report and the Washington Post. Learn more about MPS here: <http://mps.milwaukee.k12.wi.us>

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