

**Race to the Top
Monthly Report to the Madison Board of Education
September 18, 2013**

Transformation Team and RttT grant commitments

- The Race to the Top Transformation Team will hold the first of its quarterly meetings on Thursday, September 19. The team will examine the goals to be met this year and devise specific strategies to meet them.
- This is the final year for Race to the Top, so all commitments for the grant must be met this year.
- One of the important projects for this year will be the implementation of the Instructional Information System (IIS), required for all Race to the Top districts. We will receive more information about this project later in the school year.

Teacher Evaluation and Student Learning Objectives (SLOs)

- At the August 19 inservice, district staff met in grade-level and content-area groups to create pre- and post-assessments for two SLOs. They also began writing their SLOs.
- The groups will meet again on September 23 to continue writing their SLOs. If more time is needed, the October 14 inservice will provide the final opportunity to finish the SLO process.
- The SLO Approval Committee will meet a total of five times, beginning on September 16, to review each SLO and its corresponding assessments. The Committee will also determine if any revision is needed and, if so, return the SLO to the teachers for re-submission at the next committee meeting.

Professional Development

- During the month of September, professional development will focus on creating and implementing Student Growth Measures for the new evaluation system, and revising the district's Ohio Improvement Plan (OIP)

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