

**Race to the Top
Monthly Report to the Madison Board of Education
October 29, 2014**

Year 5 Plans and Activities

On October 13, staff members participated in the final district-wide professional development day for the school year, covering a range of topics depending on grade level/content area needs. Many teachers also participated in web-based training on differentiating instruction for identified gifted students, a new requirement for teachers who serve those students. As required by the state, teachers at the high school and middle school also created Written Education Plans (WEPs) for their identified students, outlining the services to be provided for each student this year. Other grade levels will complete WEPs for their students in the next few months.

Teachers will continue to participate in opportunities for professional growth based on their individual, grade-level and content area needs. Professional development will continue throughout the year to strengthen curriculum, instruction, and assessment across the district. All activities fall under the umbrella of Race to the Top goals and the Ohio Improvement Process/Strategic Plan.

Race to the Top Transformation Team

The team's first meeting is Thursday, October 30 from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. at South Elementary. The group will examine professional development to address skills required for students to successfully complete the New Learning Standards in all tested content areas and prepare them for the Next Generation Assessments in Mathematics, ELA, Social Studies and Science.

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Monthly RttT reports are presented to the Madison Board of Education and the public at monthly Board of Education meetings. The reports are also posted on the district's website (www.mlsd.net). Changes to the district's website were made as part of Madison's Strategic Plan communication goal, the Ohio Improvement Process plan, and RttT's communication strategy.