

**Race to the Top
Monthly Report to the Madison Board of Education
April 30, 2014**

Year 5 No Cost Extension

Race to the Top was slated to end June 30, 2014. However, the Ohio Department of Education is now offering an extension of the project for one year through an application process. This opportunity will allow Madison to deepen and refine the Race to the Top work during the 2014 – 2015 school year, as defined by our Scope of Work document. A No Cost Extension means that no new funding will be allocated, but the district will be permitted to use unspent Year 4 funds to carry over into the 2014 – 2015 school year.

We have notified the Ohio Department of Education of Madison's intent to participate. To apply for funding, the Transformation Team must identify one or two initiatives to continue from our previously-approved Scope of Work. The application process requires that the team address the sustainability and further development of these initiatives beyond the grant period, provide a detailed budget, and include a rationale explaining why the district needs an additional year of assistance and support. The deadline for the application and accompanying signatures is May 30, 2014.

Race to the Top Transformation Team

The team will meet on Thursday, May 15 for its final quarterly meeting. This session will focus on completing the application for the Year 5 Extension of Race to the Top.

Budget

Gary Graham is working with the treasurer's office to determine the final amount of carry-over funds the district may use if the Year 5 Extension application is approved.

Report presented by Lynn Meister

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.