

**Race to the Top
Monthly Report to the Madison Board of Education
August 27, 2014**

Year 5 No Cost Extension

The Ohio Department of Education approved the following activities for the final year of the Race to the Top project.

Activities for 2014 - 2015 will focus on improving questioning strategies in the classroom, helping teachers create more valid and reliable assessments, providing collaboration time to share and develop successful teaching strategies that will meet the needs of all learners, and giving teachers various opportunities for professional development that will meet their needs in the classroom.

These activities began at the August 19 professional development day and will continue on September 22 and October 13. In addition, there will be small-group, building-level, and individual opportunities for professional growth.

Race to the Top Transformation Team

The team members for 2014 – 2015 are Mary Frey, Mike Leeper, Josette Mok, Barb Weston, Lisa Restelli, Kathie Jansen, Chris Scholl, Jonathan Muro, Lynn Meister, Gary Graham, Tracy McDaniel, Nathan Stump, Renee Neron, and Kevin Address. The first meeting is Thursday, October 30 from 4:00 – 5:30 p.m. at South Elementary.

Budget

Gary Graham is working with the treasurer's office to determine the final amount of carry-over funds the district may use in 2014 – 2015.

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.