

**Race to the Top
Monthly Report to the Madison Board of Education
September 24, 2014**

Year 5 Plans and Activities

Professional development 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 all teachers a number of opportunities for professional development.

On September 22, teachers engaged in a variety of professional development opportunities designed to address individual and grade-level/content-area needs. These areas were determined by staff surveys on Race to the Top goals, work on aligned curriculum and assessment, expanded requirements for gifted education, and departmental needs. Teachers were also given time to complete their Student Learning Objectives for the teacher evaluation system.

October 13 will be the final district-wide professional development day for the school year. 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 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 Andress. The first meeting is Thursday, October 30 from 4:00 – 5:30 p.m. at South Elementary.

Budget

The Race to the Top carryover amount for 2014 – 2015 was \$32,346.08.

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.