



## MILWAUKEE EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP (MEP) MONTHLY REPORT

**January 2014**

- Meetings were held between the Milwaukee Education Partnership (MEP) Executive Director, Gerard Randall, and various individuals within and outside of the partnership including regular meetings with Milwaukee Public Schools (MPS) staff.
- Mr. Randall met with Mike Huebsch, Wisconsin Department of Administration Secretary, to discuss local education issues as they relate to state initiatives.
- Mr. Randall participated in a collaborative summit of leaders from Milwaukee's most impactful corporate and community organizations.
- The GE Business & Education Summit monthly follow-up conference call was held on January 23<sup>rd</sup>. Mr. Randall participated.
- The MEP Executive Partners held their monthly meeting on January 14<sup>th</sup>. Items on the agenda included the CISCO initiative, grant/funding updates, and expansion of executive partner membership.
- MPS and a small number of other districts nationwide were contacted by the *Say Yes to Education, Inc.* national nonprofit for discussion about its program. This organization is committed to dramatically increasing high school and college graduation rates for inner-city youth across the U.S. The MEP attended their January 29<sup>th</sup> meeting with MPS officials and community stakeholders to learn more about the *Say Yes to Education* program.
- Information was presented to Mr. Randall on a program targeting struggling female middle school students and connecting them with college mentors in an academic/social mentorship capacity.
- The MEP continues to seek funding support for the Milwaukee Early Childhood Literacy Initiative.
- The MEP, MPS and Milwaukee Area Workforce Investment Board put in a great deal of work this month on the Department of Labor CareerConnect grant proposal. The proposal was finalized and the application was submitted at the end of January. This initiative would aim to increase the number of youth prepared for college and careers in high-demand H-1B industries.
- Planning work continues concerning the spring HBCU conference.
- The first cut draft of the MEP informational/promotional video was received, reviewed and discussed. Editing is in progress.