



## **MILWAUKEE EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP (MEP) MONTHLY REPORT**

**November 2013**

- The Milwaukee Partnership Academy (MPA) has officially been changed to Milwaukee Education Partnership (MEP).
- The 2013 Annual Report has been completed.
- Work continued on the new MEP website design.
- All videotaping sessions for the MEP informational/promotional video were concluded. Work is in progress on editing for a first cut to review.
- Meetings were held between the MEP Executive Director, Gerard Randall, and various individuals within and outside of the partnership. Several meetings were held with Milwaukee Public Schools (MPS) Superintendent Dr. Gregory Thornton and other Milwaukee Public Schools (MPS) staff concerning a number of topics including the MPS Strategic Plan and funding priorities, the urban residency program, charter expansion, and a variety of other things the MEP is working on/will begin working on.
- Dave Knutson from the Boys and Girls Clubs met with Mr. Randall for discussion on a budding STEM initiative.
- Dr. Michael Lovell, UWM Chancellor, and Mr. Randall met to discuss Cisco and the MEP presentation to the UW System Board of Regents being planned for June 2014 at UWM.
- A visit was made to UW-Parkside by Mr. Randall to meet with Debbie Ford, Chancellor, and Walter Jacobs, Dean – College of Social Sciences and Professional Studies, to discuss the MEP and how UW-Parkside can engage in the work in education in Milwaukee.
- The Urban Teacher Residency Project METRO Steering Committee met on November 14<sup>th</sup>.
- The GE Business & Education Summit Follow-up Monthly Conference Call was held on November 21<sup>st</sup>. The purpose of these conference calls is to build on the themes and issues discussed during the GE Summit and update each other on the progress of College- and Career-Ready Common Core State Standards across states and districts. Mr. Randall joined in the conference call.
- Several planning meetings took place with MPTV and PBS concerning November events during the visit of Paula Kerger, President, Public Broadcasting System (PBS). A breakfast meeting hosted by the MEP Executive Partners was held on November 20<sup>th</sup>. Individuals

from various community organizations, education institutions and government both locally and from around the state were invited to attend. Ms. Kerger addressed the group, shared some valuable information, took comments and answered questions.

- Discussion/promotion of the Milwaukee Early Childhood Literacy Initiative continues.
- Planning work is in progress concerning the spring HBCU conference. A college intern from Wisconsin Lutheran College is assisting with this project.
- The Fresh Coast Classic took place in Milwaukee November 27-30, 2013. In addition to the basketball tournament, a highlight was the college & resource fair, which was extraordinarily attended by college recruiters and MPS 11<sup>th</sup> graders. This event gives high school students an opportunity to explore Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) and other colleges here and around the country. Students also have opportunities to attend breakout sessions on topics such as how to obtain scholarship money, information on the FAFSA, and what to do if interested in playing sports in college.