



## MILWAUKEE EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP (MEP) MONTHLY REPORT

**July 2016**

- Meetings and conversations were held between the Milwaukee Education Partnership (MEP) Executive Director, Gerard Randall, and various individuals within and outside of the partnership regarding education legislation, grants, partnerships, various initiatives, updates, MEP administrative business and more.
- Mr. Randall and Dr. Demond Means met on July 13<sup>th</sup> to discuss the MPS Opportunity Schools Initiative.
- Mr. Randall met with Grady Crosby, Vice President - Public Affairs & Chief Diversity Officer, and Annemarie E. Scobey-Polacheck, Director – Corporate Programs, from Johnson Controls regarding MEP initiatives.
- Mr. Randall toured the Milwaukee Center for Independence (MCFI) Forward Academy (a pre-vocational program).
- Work continues to refine the literacy proposal of the MEP Early Childhood Literacy Initiative.
- Discussions continued with Stritch staff and MPS staff concerning the Cardinal Stritch University Literacy Program initiative.
- Discussions and work continued on the National Science Foundation (NSF) Bioscience Initiative and planning proposal. The proposal is a collaboration between UWM, MPS and MATC in Milwaukee and Baltimore City Public Schools and Morgan State University in Baltimore, Maryland.
- Work continues on the HBCU (Historically Black Colleges & Universities) Initiative. Conversations have been held with various individuals at HBCUs and in Milwaukee and organizations including UWM, MMABSE, Morgan State University, and more to discuss the HBCU Initiative and identify additional work group members and co-chairs. Individual packets containing each work group's notes, reports, objectives and updated membership list were created and distributed to each work group. The work groups are doing summer assignments, determining next steps and will submit summer meeting reports. Mr. Randall and MMABSE President, Dr. Rogers Onick, have met several times to discuss how the MEP and MMABSE can partner on this initiative. MMABSE will assist with the planning of next year's HBCU Conference and work is in progress to identify possible dates.

- Planning was finalized, invitations were sent, and a presentation for educators was given in Milwaukee on July 26<sup>th</sup> by the Loyola University of Chicago, School of Education about its urban teacher preparation and certification program. Participants heard from Loyola University faculty/administrators, students, and community/school partners and learned about this teacher education program that has become one of the nation's most innovative and highly regarded approaches to preparing future educators for service in urban communities. The event was co-hosted by Bader Philanthropies. Discussions are in progress about having another presentation in Milwaukee this fall.
- Planning is in progress for a site visit to Milwaukee by Dr. Linda Smith, Deputy Assistant Secretary and Inter-Departmental Liaison for Early Childhood Development, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services – Administration for Children and Families. Nearly all sites have been identified for visitation and their agendas planned. These sites include St. Ann Center for Intergenerational Care/Next Door, MCFI's Forward Academy, and the Social Development Commission (SDC) for a roundtable discussion on *"Milwaukee's Approaches to Transitioning Early Learners Beyond Head Start and K-4."* An MPS site is yet to be identified.
- The MEP had secured through a request to Governor Walker a reallocation of unspent Fast Forward funds (\$85,000) to support youth apprenticeships in MPS. Future funding to support youth employment is being requested as a part of the Governor's budget proposal.