



MILWAUKEE PARTNERSHIP ACADEMY (MPA) MONTHLY REPORT

July 2013

- Meetings were held between the Milwaukee Partnership Academy (MPA) Executive Director, Gerard Randall, and various individuals within and outside of the partnership as well as regular meetings with the MPA Executive Partners Chair and MPS staff.
- Mr. Randall met with John Kordsmeier, Northwestern Mutual Foundation President and Vice President-Strategic Philanthropy & Community Relations concerning MPA projects.
- Dr. Gregory Thornton, MPS Superintendent, and Mr. Randall met with Dr. Sam Cargile, Vice President and Senior Advisor to the CEO, Lumina Foundation, on July 26th to discuss support for MPA/MPS college access initiatives.
- Bob Woodson, Founder and President of the Center for Neighborhood Enterprise, met with Mr. Randall regarding the work of the MPA.
- MPA Executive Partner membership updates:
 - The MPA welcomed an additional Executive Partner--Dr. Ellis Bromberg, General Manager, Milwaukee Public Television.
 - Greg Burns has replaced Bob Baxter as Interim Executive Director of the Milwaukee Teachers' Education Association and Executive Partner of the MPA. Mr. Baxter went to WEAC to become its Interim Executive Director.
 - Having taken a new position at UWM, Dr. Carol Colbeck is no longer serving in the capacity of an MPA Executive Partner.
- Planning began for a reception in Milwaukee to welcome the new University of Wisconsin-Madison Chancellor, Dr. Rebecca Blank.
- Arrangements were made to produce a promotional video about the work of the MPA.
- Follow-up has continued with The Annie E. Casey Foundation around the Milwaukee Early Childhood Literacy Initiative/Community Solutions Action Plan (CSAP) and discussion/promotion of the plan continues with others. Phone conversations continued with the Grade-Level Reading liaison to Milwaukee.
- Program funding in the amount of \$5,000 was received from the Evan and Marion Helfaer Foundation.

- The Metropolitan Milwaukee Area Deans of Education (MMADE) met on July 9th at Mt. Mary College. Planning work has continued by the MMADE relative to the Faye McBeath Foundation grant to improve professional development of school leaders. The *Celebrate Teachers & Teaching Event* Steering Committee and subcommittees have continued their work on organizing this event.
- Along with MPS personnel and others from across the country, Mr. Randall participated in the GE Foundation Developing Futures in Education Business Convening held in Orlando, Florida on July 21-24, 2013. Some of the things participants engaged in were exploration of how the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) for college and career readiness will ensure the future economic competitiveness of the U.S. and learning how business can support this initiative; and discussion on how businesses can unite to leverage their strengths to help CCSS implementation.