



## **MILWAUKEE PARTNERSHIP ACADEMY (MPA) MONTHLY REPORT**

**September 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 Mary Dowell from Johnson Controls and also with Leslie Seib from the Herzfeld Foundation regarding MPA initiatives.
- Alderman Willie Wade and Mr. Randall met to discuss planning for the Fresh Coast Classic, particularly the college fair.
- Planning discussions are in progress for a conference featuring the deans of the schools of education from historically black colleges and universities to be held this spring in Milwaukee and hosted by the MPA.
- Mr. Randall attended a meeting of federal officials and principal participants of the initiative to develop the 30<sup>th</sup> Street Corridor. City of Milwaukee and MMSD plans and Phase I work north of Capitol Drive were reviewed. The MPA is looking to engage its partners in the initiative's implementation.
- Discussions continued with Loyola University concerning educational initiatives in Milwaukee that the university may be interested in pursuing. Mr. Randall met with Dr. John Pelissero, Provost, and Dr. Michael Bantley, Dean of the School of Education.
- Discussion/promotion of the Milwaukee Early Childhood Literacy Initiative continued. Phone conversations continued with the Grade-Level Reading liaison to Milwaukee.
- Discussion was held with the Wisconsin Department of Children, Families & Medicine concerning public-private partnerships.
- Congressman Paul Ryan came to Pulaski High School to see a presentation on violence reduction through mentoring and he toured the school. MPS Superintendent Gregory Thornton and Gerard Randall were involved in this event.
- Several discussions/meetings were held concerning the Urban Teacher Residency Program, including a meeting of the Project METRO Advisory Board.
- Work is in progress on development of a funding proposal to the National Science Foundation.
- Production work for the promotional video about the work of the MPA continued.
- Mr. Randall spoke at the Frederick Douglass Society meeting concerning how to work with the families of the inner city area for better education and family life.