



MILWAUKEE EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP (MEP) MONTHLY REPORT

February 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 regarding partnerships, grants, legislative work and more.
- Discussions are taking place around possible Round 2 application for GEAR UP funds.
- Dr. Howard Garber, President, Milwaukee Center for Independence (MCFI), and Mr. Randall met to discuss MCFI-MPS collaboration.
- A meeting was held with Ms. Eloise Anderson, Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Children and Families, regarding early childhood education initiatives in Milwaukee.
- A meeting of the Project METRO Steering Committee was held on February 3rd.
- Mr. Randall was in Washington, DC February 10-12, speaking with federal legislators and staff to advocate for the CareerConnect grant proposal.
- The GE Business & Education Summit monthly follow-up conference call was held on February 20th. Governor Bob Wise did a review of the PISA results. Mr. Randall participated.
- On February 18th, the Grade-Level Reading's Network Communities Support Center hosted a special full-day gathering for those leading local campaigns in the greater Midwest region. The purpose of this regional consultative conversation was for sharing and learning about some of the most promising ideas, programs, and practices related to the work on school readiness, school attendance, and summer learning. Mr. Randall participated.
- The MEP continues to seek funding support for the Milwaukee Early Childhood Literacy Initiative.
- Planning work continues concerning the spring HBCU conference.
- Editing of the MEP informational/promotional video continued.
- The MEP supported and participated in fundraising activities organized by the Social Development Foundation.