



## MILWAUKEE PARTNERSHIP ACADEMY (MPA) MONTHLY REPORT

**October 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 Milwaukee Public Schools (MPS) staff.
- Mr. Randall met with Reggie Newson, Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development (DWD) regarding the Task Force on Minority Male Unemployment.
- Mr. Randall met with Dr. Tony Evers, State Superintendent of Schools, to share updates on the MPA and its work.
- Mr. Randall met with journalist Eugene Kane regarding the work of the MPA.
- Mr. Randall met with Paul Krajniak, Executive Director, Discovery World, regarding the MPA and the National Science Foundation proposal.
- On October 8<sup>th</sup>, Mr. Randall met with Senator Darling in Madison regarding legislation relative to MPS.
- On October 9<sup>th</sup>, Dr. Gregory Thornton, MPS Superintendent; Dr. Michael Bonds, Milwaukee Board of School Directors President; and Mr. Randall were in Madison for testimony on legislation relative to MPS.
- Discussion/promotion of the Milwaukee Early Childhood Literacy Initiative continued. Phone conversations continued with the Grade-Level Reading liaison to Milwaukee.
- A trip to Washington, DC and New York was made by Mr. Randall to meet with legislators, federal administration officials and potential funders for the Early Childhood Initiative and Math Initiative. Part of this trip included meetings with Dr. Cora Marrett, Acting Director, National Science Foundation, and Linda Smith, Assistant Deputy Secretary, U.S. Department of Health & Human Services – Administration for Children and Families.
- A proposal was developed and submitted to the National Science Foundation for an initiative to continue to pave the way to a successful outcome of grade-level proficiency through a targeted approach via teacher professional development which specifically addresses math and science in the early grades.
- The GE Business & Education Summit Follow-up Monthly Conference Call was held on October 24<sup>th</sup>. Call leader Chris Minnich, Executive Director of The Council of Chief State

School Officers (CCSSO), presented an update on CCSS work taking place in the various states. Mr. Randall joined in the conference call.

- The MPA Executive Partners held their monthly meeting on October 29<sup>th</sup>. The meeting agenda included upcoming events and presentations, legislative and funding updates, the UW-System Task Force on Remedial Education and budget.
- Planning is in progress for the November 20<sup>th</sup> MPA Executive Partners breakfast event and other events with Paula Kerger, President, Public Broadcasting System (PBS).
- Planning discussions continued concerning 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.
- Final modifications were made to the draft MPA Annual Report.
- Legal procedures and documentation progressed on the incorporation of the Milwaukee Education Partnership, 501(c)(3) status and transition issues from Milwaukee Partnership Academy to Milwaukee Education Partnership.
- Work continued on the new MEP website design.
- The MPA, along with TEAM UP, co-sponsored a trip for students to attend the Honors Student Reception in Chicago, Illinois on October 11<sup>th</sup>.
- The 7th Annual Word of Hope Ministries Employer Appreciation and Awards Breakfast was held on October 9<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Randall was a guest speaker. The theme of this year's event was "*Developing Milwaukee's Growth through Committed Partnerships.*"