



MILWAUKEE PARTNERSHIP ACADEMY (MPA) MONTHLY REPORT

August 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.
- Dr. Thornton, MPS Superintendent, and Mr. Randall met at the beginning of August regarding various MPA initiatives.
- Bill Berezowitz from GE Healthcare, Dr. Thornton and Mr. Randall held discussion on an advocacy initiative for the district.
- Richard Cox, Executive Director of Neighborhood House, and Mr. Randall met regarding the continued engagement of Neighborhood House in the work of the Milwaukee Early Childhood Literacy Initiative.
- The provost of Loyola University and Mr. Randall met to discuss educational initiatives in Milwaukee that Loyola University may be interested in pursuing.
- The MPA hosted a welcoming reception in Milwaukee for Dr. Rebecca Blank, the new Chancellor at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Approximately 75 people were in attendance from area educational institutions, non-profit agencies, community-based organizations, businesses and governmental institutions.
- Production began on the promotional video about the work of the MPA. Plans are to have this project completed around mid-October.
- Objectives have been set for implementation of the Milwaukee Early Childhood Literacy Initiative. Follow-up has continued with The Annie E. Casey Foundation and discussion/promotion of the initiative continues with others. Phone conversations continued with the Grade-Level Reading liaison to Milwaukee.
- The web site re-design implementation continues.
- The Metropolitan Milwaukee Area Deans of Education (MMADE) has become the Education Deans of Greater Milwaukee (EDGM). The MPA is proud to have convened the Deans and supported their work as the MMADE. The *Celebrate Teachers & Teaching Event* Steering Committee and subcommittees have continued their work on organizing this event scheduled for October 17, 2013. This year's theme is urban education.

- MPS continues to support the collaboration to engage young people in the My Life My Plan initiative. Mr. Randall participated in a meeting held on August 19th concerning this initiative.
- Senator Tim Scott from South Carolina conducted a round table on August 21st with young people representing a variety of youth-serving organizations in Milwaukee including current and former MPS students. Senator Scott is a member of the U.S. Senate's Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee (HELP).
- Through the partnership with UWM Men's Basketball, MPS, the Nicholas Family Foundation and the Fellowship Open, 100 MPS students participated in the basketball camps funded by the Nicholas Family Foundation and 10 students received fully loaded iPads funded by the Fellowship Open on August 16th. Mr. Randall was a participating member of this event.