

Transforming Education in Rhode Island

All Students Ready for Success in College, Careers, and Life

The Race to the Top Opportunity

Race to the Top Steering Committee Membership	
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Patricia Page	Current Teacher of the Year*
Marielle Emet	Current Milken Winner*
Michael Hobin	Current High School Principal of the Year*
Richard Drolet	Current Middle School Principal of the Year
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Dennis Langley	Urban League
To be named	RI Parent Information Network
Patrick McGuigan	Providence Plan
Adeola Oredola	Youth in Action
Michael Van Leesten	Unity Coalition of RI

* Previous representatives of these recognition programs continue to participate in RTT Steering Committee activities.

- Yanaiza Gallant, 2013 Milken Winner
- Jessica Waters, 2013 Teacher of the Year
- Julie Lima Boyle, 2012 Teacher of the Year
- Dennis Mullen, 2011 Principal of the Year
- Patti DiCenso, 2010 Principal of the Year
- Michael Lobdell, 2011 Milken Winner
- Dale Blaess, 2010 Milken Winner
- Robert Mitchell, RI Association of School Principals