Transforming Education in Rhode Island

The Race to the Top Opportunity

HOW WE HAVE RACED TO THE TOP – 2010 -2014

Ensuring Educator Excellence

- Developed and implemented the Rhode Island Model for Educator Evaluation, including providing preparation for 800 evaluators
- Developed and implemented the Rhode Island Model for Support Professionals including providing preparation for 800 evaluators
- Designed and implemented a technology platform, the Educator Performance and Support System, to guide educators through the evaluation process
- Matched 800 beginning educators with induction coaches
- Built a new certification data system to process applications online
- Developed new standards for educator-preparation programs and the Rhode Island Educator preparation index
- Supported alternative pathways for entry into the teaching profession
- Supported 12 aspiring principals through the Academy for Transformative Leadership
- Implemented a statewide recruitment platform for use by districts seeking to hire educators
- Explored compensation reform in two pilot projects

Establishing World Class Standards, Curriculum, and Assessments

- Provided professional development on the Common Core State Standards for more than 5,800 educators
- Developed resources on the Common Core for posting on the RIDE website
- Worked with educators in 28 districts to develop curriculum aligned with the Common Core in English Language Arts, mathematics, social studies, and science
- Implemented project-based learning, based on the Common Core and the Next Generation Science Standards, in Providence.
- Supported districts in developing and using formative assessments and developed items for interim assessments in English, mathematics, science, and social studies
- Developed items and performance tasks in English Language Arts, mathematics, social studies, and science. The item bank contains a total of 8,121 items (2,968 in Mathematics, 798 in Science, 2,704 in ELA, and 1,651 in Social Studies), and nine (9) Performance tasks in each content area.

Developing User Friendly Data Systems

- Provided professional development on data use to 290 school-based leadership teams
- Implemented and redesigned an Instructional Support System to provide educators with online resources on curriculum, instruction, and assessment
- Created an Early Warning System to provide educators with timely information on students at risk

Accelerating all schools toward greatness

- Designed a quarterly monitoring process to support the lowest-achieving schools
- Conducted Summer Leadership Institutes to help schools use data to design improvement plans
- Provided enhanced support for educator evaluation in districts with the lowest-achieving schools
- Supported two new charter public schools and the expansion of two existing charter public schools
- Designed and implemented Virtual Learning Math Modules to support student progress in learning mathematics

Managing Our Performance

- Completed nearly all Race to the Top projects on time and within budget
- Brought all participating school districts, charter public schools, and state-operated schools together to participate in Collaborative Learning for Outcomes sessions
- Submitted on time to the U.S. Department of Education all scopes of work, budgets, quarterly progress reports, and progress summary reports
- Participated in active progress monitoring with the U.S. Department of Education through monthly calls and reports and annual on-site visits
- Received recognition from the U.S. Department of Education for the effectiveness of progress monitoring and quality assurance in Rhode Island

Completing Our Commitments – The Work Ahead in 2014-2015

- Launch the newly designed Instructional Support System
- Develop scoring and reporting systems for interim assessments
- Support districts through mini-grants in the use of data through the Instructional Support System, the Educator Performance Support System, the Early Warning System, and others
- Launch a statewide professional development platform
- Provide professional development to school-turnaround leaders and to aspiring principals

Transforming Education in Rhode Island

The Race to the Top Opportunity

Investing our Race to the Top funds wisely: A Budget Summary				
Investments through the End of Year Four (9.24.2010 - 6.30.15)				
Budget Categories	**Spending to Date 9.24.10-6.30-14**	**Cost Projections 7.1.14 - 9.23.14**	**Cost Projections 9.24.14 - 6.30.15**	**Total**
State Spending Only				
Study of Standards and Curriculum Alignment	3,938,504.52	207,117.48	-	4,145,622.00
Student Growth Measures (for educator evaluation system)	914,438.90	34,384.10	-	948,823.00
Certification and Licensure System	861,367.01	97,870.99	-	959,238.00
Multiple Pathways (virtual learning and innovation)	219,839.06	139,238.94	-	359,078.00
Early Warning System	139,453.00	50,000.00	-	189,453.00
Compensation Reform	179,502.46	20,473.54		199,976.00
Quality Teacher PD	318,951.47	288,548.53	-	607,500.00
Project Management and Collaborative Learning for Outcomes	1,421,291.84	169,608.16	132,500.00	1,723,400.00
Administration Expenses (such as travel, equipment and supplies)	1,861,952.53	571,804.47	45,500.00	2,479,257.00
Reimbursement to Districts for Work on Various Projects (supplemental)	3,852,847.65	1,222,474.35	1,082,303.00	6,157,625.00
Legal Counsel	80,998.76	-	-	80,998.76
Personnel and Fringe Benefits	5,259,247.34	340,501.66	850,000.00	6,449,749.00
State and Local Spending				
Educator Evaluation System	7,435,214.44	246,254.56	400,000.00	8,081,469.00
Instructional Management System	11,901,188.10	604,820.90	1,296,000.00	13,802,009.00
Beginning Teacher Induction	6,360,670.47	99,579.53	-	6,460,250.00
Alternative Certification (for hard to staff subjects)	3,449,248.19	135,187.81	-	3,584,436.00
School Transformation	1,776,178.00	538,453.00	350,151.00	2,664,782.00
Local Spending Only				
Reimbursement to Districts for Work on Various Projects	15,328,443.20	777,891.04	-	16,106,334.24
Total Investments	65,299,336.94	5,544,209.06	4,156,454.00	75,000,000.00

September 15, 2014