

**Race to the Top
Monthly Report to the Madison Board of Education
November 20, 2013**

Transformation Team and RttT grant commitments

- One of the important projects for this year will be the implementation of the Thinkgate Instructional Information System (IIS), required for all Race to the Top districts. Madison is scheduled to be part of the next cohort of districts to go through IIS training, which begins in December 2013. Thinkgate will hold a series of webinars in December through February to train three district leaders.
- The Transformation Team released a survey to the staff to see what teachers are doing to help students monitor their own progress in the classroom. The results should be in by mid-December. The team will analyze the data and determine ways to help teachers learn effective methods in this area.

Teacher Evaluation and Student Learning Objectives (SLOs)

- The SLO process is now complete for year-long courses and first-semester courses.
- Teachers who have second-semester courses will create their SLOs and accompanying assessments for the SLO Approval Committee to review on February 10, 2014.

Professional Development

- During the month of November, professional development focused on special education, elementary and high school mathematics, and elementary Language Arts.

Progress on RttT Goals

- Madison is “on track” to accomplish all of its goals for this school year, as outlined in the district’s RttT Scope of Work.

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Monthly RttT reports are presented to the Madison Board of Education and the public at monthly Board of Education meetings. The reports are also posted on the district’s website (www.mlzd.net). Changes to the district’s website were made as part of Madison’s Strategic Plan communication goal, the Ohio Improvement Process plan, and RttT’s communication strategy.