

Report of the Board's Delegate to Milwaukee Education Partnership (MEP)

November 30, 2017

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- 1) Meetings and conversations were held among the Milwaukee Education Partnership's (MEP's) Executive Director, Gerard Randall, and various individuals within and outside of the Partnership regarding education legislation, grants, partnerships, various initiatives and projects, updates, MEP administrative business, and more.
- 2) Richard Cox and Mr. Randall met to discuss the Greater Galilee Church's Youth Building Initiative.
- 3) Mr. Randall and Dr. Eric Gallien, Deputy Superintendent of the Racine Unified School District, discussed the MEP and opportunities for collaboration with the Racine Unified School District.
- 4) Mr. Randall met with Director Tony Báez to discuss the work of the MEP, in particular those initiatives which support MPS.
- 5) The Project METRO leadership team will be meeting in early December to discuss further program expansion.
- 6) The statewide summit of the deans of the schools of education will be held in mid to late July 2018.
- 7) John Daniels III and Mr. Randall met concerning the MKE Fellows and other HBCU initiatives.
- 8) Mr. Randall met with Dr. Katrice Cotton, MPS Regional Superintendent-East Region, to discuss the Carver School/MEP/Tuskegee University STEM Initiative.
- 9) HBCU Initiative:
 - a) HBCU Sunday in Wisconsin — This inaugural event was presented by the MEP in collaboration with HBCU United, Milwaukee Film Festival, Ascension Wisconsin, ALIVE MKE, VISIT Milwaukee, National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC), and Wisconsin's African-American faith communities. Governor Scott Walker issued a proclamation to designate Sunday, October 1, 2017, as HBCU Recognition Day throughout the State of Wisconsin. More than 40 African-American faith congregations across Wisconsin participated in this event by taking a few minutes of time during their Sunday meetings to speak to the historical significance as well as the continued importance and contributions of HBCUs and to remember and celebrate the significance of the nation's HBCUs to African-American accomplishments. Special speakers at some of the congregations included MEP's Executive Partner Dr. Tony Evers, State Superintendent, Department of Public Instruction; members of MMABSE; and members of the HBCU United and other HBCU alumni groups. The MMABSE's collaboration is also recognized through its participation on the planning committee. Sponsorship support from Ascension Wisconsin was provided to underwrite the cost of media advertisement.
 - b) Wisconsin HBCU & Tribal College Fair — The inaugural Wisconsin HBCU & Tribal College Fair was held October 7 at Vincent High School. More than 25 HBCUs and Tribal Colleges participated, and approximately 300 students and their families attended. Other participants included representatives from African-American

fraternities and sororities and professional societies. College, scholarship, and pre-college program information were available.

Also included were panel discussions on the HBCU experience, workshops on financial aid and NCAA Clearinghouse, and a personal-statement essay boot camp. In addition, the College Access Center was open for FAFSA help.

The MEP assisted Senator Lena Taylor's office and planning committee with support and planning for this event. A college fair debriefing meeting was held near the end of October.

- c) Job Fairs — The job fairs will take place in Nashville, Tennessee; Washington, District of Columbia; New Orleans, Louisiana; and Hampton, Virginia. The addition of Atlanta, Georgia, is still being considered. There are at least half a dozen HBCUs within a 50-mile radius of the cities where job fairs are to be held.
- d) Health Care Components
 - Nursing Exchange Program — Discussion via conference call took place among staff at Howard University, Ascension, Columbia College of Nursing, and the MEP regarding a nursing exchange program. Mr. Randall also met later with Dr. Patricia Talbert, Associate Dean-Division of Allied Health Sciences at Howard University in Washington, DC, for further discussion on this program.
 - Resident Program — Discussion about a resident program took place among Meharry Medical College, the Medical College of Wisconsin, Ascension, and the MEP via conference call. Discussion included an outline of the MEP-Meharry Medical College partnership given by Mr. Randall, description of the GME program at the Medical College of Wisconsin, description of Ascension-St. Joe's program, and next steps.
- e) Engineering Component — Mr. Randall met again with Dr. Brett Peters, Dean of UWM's school of Engineering, regarding future collaboration with the schools of engineering at Morgan State University, Howard University, Hampton University, Tuskegee University, and North Carolina A&T University.
- f) Strengthening HBCU Relationships with the Milwaukee Community — The MEP assisted Bluefield State College, an HBCU in West Virginia that is an active participant in the MEP HBCU Initiative, with scheduling requested meetings for its Director of Admissions and Enrollment Management at Reagan High School and Bradley Technology and Trade School while he was in Milwaukee on October 5 and 6. He also met with the Director of Articulation and Transfer at MATC.
- g) Establishing New HBCU Relationships — Mr. Randall met with Willie Jude II, Associate Vice President of Institutional Advancement & Emerging Initiatives at Fisk University, when he was in Milwaukee to re-establish Dr. Kevin Rome's connection to the HBCU Initiative with a new connection to Fisk University, as he is its new president.
- h) Funding Support — Efforts continue to gain funding support for the HBCU Initiative and the 2018 HBCU Conference.

- i) HBCU Conference — Mr. Randall met again with Dr. David Wilson, President of Morgan State University. They specifically discussed the invitation to Dr. Wilson to participate in the MEP’s April 2018 HBCU Conference as a member of the Presidents’ Panel. Dr. Kevin Rome, President of Fisk University, has agreed to serve on the panel.

10) Tracey Sparrow, Executive Director of Next Door, and Mr. Randall continued discussions and efforts towards getting a Leading Men Fellowship program in Milwaukee for 2018. The Early Education Task Force has endorsed this program as one of its final report recommendations. Mr. Randall met with program leadership at The Literacy Lab in Washington, DC, and toured the impressive program in operation there.

Ms. Sparrow and Mr. Randall have been meeting with various individuals and organizations — including leadership in the MPS Department of Black and Latino Male Achievement, the leadership of the Milwaukee Board of School Directors, Secretary Eloise Anderson of the Wisconsin Department of Children and Families (DCF), and Secretary Ray Allen of the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development (DWD) to discuss this program,. The DCF has committed to support the program, and the DWD is determining ways to support the Fellows through workforce-development funding.

- 11) Planning continued for Congressman Duffy’s tour of Milwaukee.

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