

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

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*June 29, 2017*

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(1) Meetings and conversations were held among the Milwaukee Education Partnership'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) Mr. Randall met with Peter Meachem of Representative Sean Duffy's office to continue planning for Representative Virginia Foxx's visit to Milwaukee.

(3) Cardinal Stritch University, MPS, and the MEP have advanced conversation that would allow for the expansion of Project Metro. There will soon be a Memorandum of Understanding executed between the primary partners.

(4) Mr. Randall met with Geri Lyday from Milwaukee County administration regarding possible funding opportunities to support a summer youth jobs initiative.

(5) Mr. Randall continues to have discussions with Ray Allen, Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development, regarding workforce-development initiatives, including summer youth employment and expansion of youth-apprenticeship opportunities in Milwaukee.

(6) Mr. Randall and staff from Employ Milwaukee and Bradley Tech met to expand opportunities for summer employment for Bradley Tech youth. Funding for this initiative is made possible through the City of Milwaukee's Earn & Learn Initiative.

(7) Discussions and work continued concerning the potential bioscience initiative.

(8) Work has continued around the potential grant opportunity with the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation for funding of a special scholarship initiative with local PK-16 partners. A planning team will be developed to create a proposal to submit to the Foundation.

(9) Bi-weekly college-fair planning meetings continued with Senator Lena Taylor's office. The college fair will include Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs).

(10) Efforts to gain funding support for the HBCU Initiative continue. Follow-up activities to the MEP's HBCU Conference are in progress. These include:

- collection of feedback on the conference;
- discussions about creating MOUs and a pilot model for Meharry Medical College and Howard University Medical School residents at Ascension and the Medical College of Wisconsin; and
- discussions about the possibility of creating MOUs among Morgan State University and Columbia-St. Mary's, the Medical College of Wisconsin, and the Global Water Institute, including a meeting with Dr. David Wilson, President of Morgan State University.

(11) Work continued on the formation of articulation agreements between Lincoln University and MATC.

(12) Discussions continue about planning another Governor's UNCF Luncheon for this year. Work is in progress to identify a date and venue.

(13) MEP's Executive Partners held their monthly meeting on May 15.

(14) Work continued to coordinate the activity to inform legislators of MEP's Partners' common needs.

(15) The Early Education Task Force continues to meet and will do so monthly through the summer.

(16) The UW System's Diversity Council held its first meeting in Madison. Mr. Randall participated in the meeting.

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