

ORANGE COUNTY
BOARD OF EDUCATION

AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

Meeting Date: October 3, 2011

AGENDA ITEM No. 11-10-09

ACTION ITEM: (Y/N) N

SUBJECT: Race to the Top (RttT) Initiative Update

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ATTACHMENT: Overview of 2011-2012 Race to the Top (RttT) Professional Development
and Resources

PURPOSE: To provide an update to the Board of Education regarding the Race to the Top (RttT) initiative.

BACKGROUND: In Spring 2011, Orange County Schools received a RttT grant. Funding from the grant is being used to provide teachers and administrators with resources and professional development so they can effectively implement the Common Core and North Carolina Essential Standards in 2012-2013. The RttT funds are also being used to pay stipends to selected teachers to help develop curriculum documents and for purchases of technology to assist school leadership in the evaluation of teachers.

Professional Development

The Common Core and More Team, consisting of Dr. Denise Morton, Marcie Holland, Steven Weber, Dr. Lisa Napp, Patricia Harris, and Vickie Smith, is facilitating professional development and the distribution of resources related to the Common Core and NC Essential Standards. More details will be provided during the presentation.

Common Core and More Support Teachers

Twelve math and science teachers that represent elementary, middle and high school levels are being paid through RttT funds to help create curriculum documents and benchmarks for the new standards that will be implemented in the 2012-2013 school year.

Technology Support

One critical piece of the RttT grant is teacher and principal evaluations. To assist Central Office and School Leadership in completing these evaluations effectively and efficiently, RttT funds are being used to purchase IPADS or other devices to help administrators complete these evaluations using an electronic device.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: Total three year funding: \$329,440.00, \$57,059.000 of which is allocated to the North Carolina Education Cloud, leaving a balance of \$272,382.00.

RECOMMENDATION: The Superintendent recommends that the Board of Education receive an update regarding the Race to the Top (RttT) initiative.

Overview of 2011-2012 RtT Professional Development and Resources

Date	Professional Development	Resources
Summer 2011	<p>13 person elementary and 16 person secondary teacher teams received a stipend to attend a two-day Common Core & More Summer Session. One learning outcome of the summer session was for teams to plan school-based professional development on the Common Core and NC Essential Standards on August 22nd and October 31st.</p> <p>The district's Common Core training team attended a two-day NCDPI training.</p>	<p>Through the OCS PrintShop, materials used during summer training, such as posters and other handouts, were made available to teacher teams to use on August 22nd and October 31st.</p> <p>Teachers who attended summer training received a stipend.</p>
*August 22nd	Elementary and secondary teacher teams delivered a school-based professional development on the ELA/Math Common Core State Standards.	Through the OCS PrintShop, all teachers in the district received copies of the Common Core and NC Essential Standards.
*October 31 st	Elementary and secondary teacher teams will deliver a school-based professional development on the NC Essential Standards.	
*January 23 February 8 *April 9 May 2 *June 11th	Teachers across the district will meet in "job alike" groups for a half day to develop curriculum documents aligned to the Common Core and NC Essential Standards.	RtT funds have been used to pay teacher-leaders in designated curriculum areas to facilitate curriculum work.
Summer 2012	Curriculum work continues	

*These five dates were designated as Common Core professional development dates in response to the NCDPI legislation that five extra days be added to the school calendar.