

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

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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 Governor Scott Walker in Madison concerning education issues, particularly planning for the Spring 2017 United Negro College Fund's Governor's Luncheon.

(3) Ray Allen, Secretary, Department of Workforce Development, and Mr. Randall had a conference call to discuss funding for youth job training and employment.

(4) Dr. Mark Mone, Chancellor at UWM, and Mr. Randall met and discussed the collaboration between the MEP and UWM.

(5) Mr. Randall met with Dr. Willie Larkin to discuss his assistance with the HBCU work groups.

(6) Mr. Randall participated in a conference call of the Campaign for Grade-Level Reading Upper Midwest Region, led by its regional liaison. He shared updates on the Campaign's network goals, structure/priorities, and the new Campaign. Community updates were shared, and planning for future calls and meetings in 2017 began.

(7) Discussions continued relative to planning of a new proposal focused on Birth-5 literacy for submission to the Campaign for Grade-Level Reading.

(8) Conversations continued regarding possible MEP/UW System collaborations.

(9) Research continued concerning resource mapping and data collection and distribution models and tools. Meetings also took place with several people to gather additional background information on the data landscape in Milwaukee and to share information about the MEP's Birth-5 Literacy Initiative.

(10) Mr. Randall received an invitation from the MPS Office of Board Governance to serve as a member of the MPS Charter School Review Panel. He enthusiastically accepted this invitation to again serve in this capacity of reviewing petitions and proposals submitted for consideration as MPS Charter Schools and making recommendations to the Board of School Directors.

(11) The MEP helped to support the Summit on Black Male Youth-Milwaukee (African-American Males Initiative, AKA Saving Black Boys) and the Brothers Connecting with Young Brothers Mentoring Program. The summit was organized by UWM and held on campus in mid-December. At this annual summit, approximately 500 black middle- and high-school males participate in a number of workshops intended to motivate, inspire, and offer words of wisdom, along with offering the possibility of becoming successful leaders not only in the classroom but also in the community. They are shown a life possible beyond their neighborhoods and encouraged to consider career opportunities in education, the arts, and vocational fields through workshops, forums, and talk-back sessions. The summit is also a positive mechanism for introducing to these boys role models who are outstanding leaders from various corporations and community organizations in Milwaukee.

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