

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

PROJECT INFORMATION:

Project Title: Race to the Top Local Education Agency

Funding Agency: Florida Department of Education

Grant Allocation Amount: \$37,364,356 over four years

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The District's application addresses the four core education reform areas through thirteen projects including:

1. Expand Lesson Study
2. Expand STEM Career and Technical Program Offerings
3. Increase Advanced STEM Coursework
4. Bolster Technology for Improved Instruction and Assessment
5. Improve Access to State Data
6. Use Data to Improve Instruction
7. Provide Support for Educator Preparation Programs
8. Improve Teacher and Principal Evaluation Systems
9. Use Data Effectively for Human Capital Decisions
10. Focus Effective Professional Development
11. Drive Improvement in Persistently Low-Achieving Schools
12. Implement Proven Programs for School Improvement
13. Include Charter Schools in LEA Planning

The application includes detailed work plans for fiscal year 2010-11, and strategic plans for the last three years of the grant. A work plan has been developed for each of the 13 projects that include State prescribed deliverables, activities to meet the deliverables, a timeline, and budget requirements.

District Executive Leadership Team members presented components of the application at the School Board Workshop on October 12, 2010. In addition, a draft of the application was submitted to the Florida Department of Education on October 13, 2010 for feedback which was incorporated into the application. The final application is being submitted after School Board approval on November 9, 2010.