

Metropolitan School District of Warren Township
Dr. Dena Cushenberry, Superintendent

2012 Race to the Top District Winner

FACT SHEET

Nearly **12,000 students** served in nine Elementary Schools (K-4); three Intermediate Academies (Grades 5-6); three Middle Schools (Grades 7-8); Warren Central High School; Walker Career Center; Renaissance Alternative Program; and our Early Childhood Center. District-wide poverty rate is **71 percent**.

2025 is the year that our current kindergarten students are projected to graduate from Warren Central High School. As a result of the RttT grant award, by the time they enter our secondary programs, they will be better prepared than any cohort group before them, with unlimited options to select instructional pathways that best meet their learning preference, pace and interests. Students will leave our district fully-prepared for tomorrow, because for us, **2025** begins today.

Examples of Key Initiatives to be funded through RttT Grant Award

Project 1: Personalized Learning Opportunities (PreK-Grade 12)

- Transforms our district's successful *8-Step Process for Continuous Improvement* through higher expectations for teaching and for personalized student learning
- Curriculum, instruction & formative assessments (performance tasks) aligned to Indiana Common Core Standards
- A district-wide infusion of instructional technologies (e.g., iPads, laptops) and high-tech learning environs (e.g., Mediaplex-like environs in middle schools, renovated high-tech science labs, dry-erase classrooms)
- Students provided extended-day, extended-week and extended-year access to technology-rich environs and academic supports
- Systemic and ongoing professional development to support the effective use of more rigorous curriculum and the successful, seamless integration of technologies into teaching & learning

Project 2: Alternative Pathways to Graduation (Grades 7-12)

- *Virtual Learning Opportunities*—where students work online, at their own pace, on their own time to receive competency-based coursework, demonstrate mastery, and obtain course credit for graduation

- *Extended-Learning Opportunities*—where students learn in-part, or in-whole, outside of the classroom in rigorous, relevant & personalized learning business partner experiences, earning credit based on demonstrated course competencies
- *Sports & Media Production Opportunities*—where students train for successful television & broadcasting careers, manage a student-led profitable business, and provide viable services to actual clients

Project 3: Behavior Interventions through RtI Model (K-12)

- In partnership with the Indiana University Equity Project and Gallahue Mental Health behavioral therapists, create a *Positive Behavioral Interventions & Supports System* (PBIS) using tiered behavioral interventions that are systematically-applied to students based on demonstrated levels of behavioral need
- Provide professional development to (a) support principals' and teachers' understanding and effective implementation of PBIS strategies; and (b) employ culturally-responsive instructional practices
- Pilot and scale district-wide, for Grades K-6, a collaborative school-parent initiative (*Parent University*) through annual, year-long evening workshop series to unite as a school community to promote the positive social, academic and emotional growth of our students

Three Overall Goals for all Initiatives

Increase student achievement

Provide greater opportunities for personalized learning

Ensure students' readiness for post-secondary college and career opportunities

For more detailed information—

United States Department of Education Race to the Top-District web site:

<http://www2.ed.gov/programs/racetothetop-district/index.html>

To view **16 winners** and their **total mean score** out of a possible 210 points, go to United States Department of Education *Awards* site at <http://www2.ed.gov/programs/racetothetop-district/awards.html>. Then click on *Charts of Applicant Scores (Excel)*. At bottom of excel document, click on worksheet *Application Scores RttT-D Mean Score Rank*.

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