

Transforming Education in Rhode Island

The Race to the Top Opportunity

The Basics

- ◆ In 2010, Race to the Top was introduced as a \$4.3 billion federal grant competition for states with the best proposals to improve their education systems.
- ◆ Rhode Island was one of only 12 states selected as a winner and was awarded \$75 million to be spent over four years (2010-2014).
- ◆ Rhode Island is taking a statewide approach to spending its Race to the Top award. The state and districts are pooling their resources and working together to develop tools to help every school, teacher, and student in Rhode Island.



Racing to the Top: Year One (2010-11)

- ◆ The state and districts are working together to plan projects and set up systems to monitor our progress.
- ◆ Two primary projects being implemented in Year One are Educator Evaluation and Standards and Curriculum:
 - ◆ **Educator Evaluation:** Rhode Island has developed a model educator evaluation system and is training educators to begin using it in the fall of 2011. By 2014, every teacher and administrator will be evaluated annually with a tool that is fair and reliable and gives educators helpful feedback to improve.
 - ◆ **Standards and Curriculum:** Rhode Island has adopted the Common Core State Standards and is training educators to understand and use them in their classrooms. By 2014, all schools will have effective curriculum aligned to the new standards, and students will take tests aligned to what they're learning.



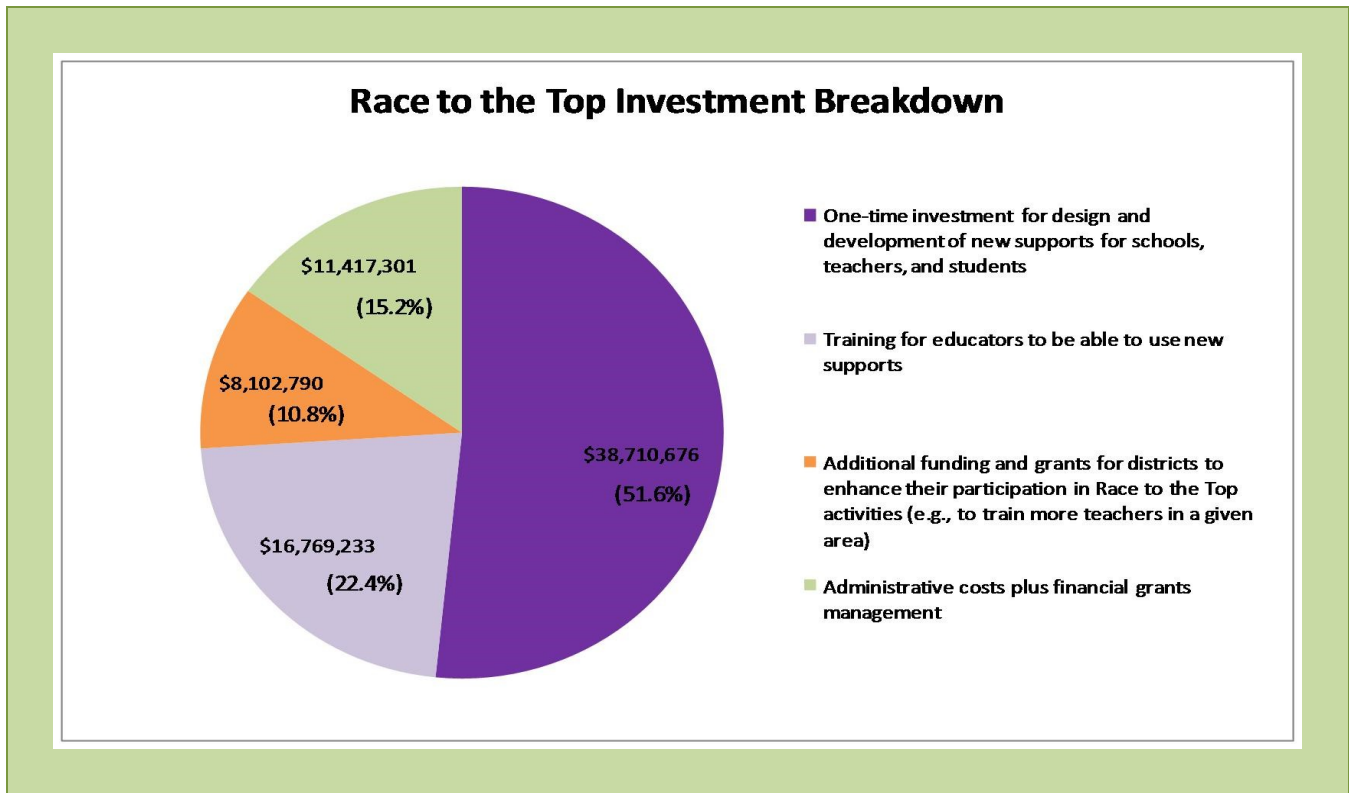
Racing to the Top: What's Ahead

- ◆ Over the next three years, we will continue with our Educator Evaluation and Standards and Curriculum work, and we will implement three more projects:
 - ◆ **Instructional Improvement System:** Rhode Island is developing new data systems to manage information about student learning. By 2014, teachers and parents will have easier, more timely access to helpful data about how students are doing in school.
 - ◆ **Human Capital Development:** Rhode Island is expanding and improving pathways to the teaching profession and developing a new program to support novice teachers. By 2014, we will be able to match excellent teachers with hard-to-staff areas, and our new teachers will be given the mentoring and support they need to be successful.
 - ◆ **School Transformation and Innovation:** Rhode Island is coordinating federal and state resources to help our persistently lowest-achieving schools improve. By 2014, struggling schools will receive comprehensive support to dramatically improve student achievement.



How is Rhode Island spending its \$75 million?

- ◆ Rhode Island is spending its Race to the Top dollars on developing supports for schools, teachers, and students — and training educators on how to use these new supports.
- ◆ The \$75 million is divided in half, with half used at the state level and half allocated to districts. The state and districts are all contributing to the design and development of the systems of support.
- ◆ The chart below depicts how our \$75 million will be spent, by type of expenditure.



The table below depicts how our Race to the Top funds will be spent, by system of support. For descriptions of the five systems of support, see the other side of this document.

Race to the Top Investments by System of Support	
<i>Standards and Curriculum</i>	\$9,081,363
<i>Instructional Improvement System</i>	\$18,140,839
<i>Educator Evaluation</i>	\$18,000,492
<i>Human Capital Development</i>	\$15,862,748
<i>School Transformation and Innovation</i>	\$7,540,828
State and Local Capacity	\$2,344,594
Portion of State Share Used to Supplement District Funding	\$4,029,136
Total	\$75,000,000