Quality Teaching and Learning in Milwaukee
Frostbelt City, USA – A newly formed campus-community partnership is forged among new bedfellows - school chief, union head, commerce guru, workforce specialist, technical and four-year CEOs - to put “every child on grade level in reading, writing and math.”
Partnership Collaboration
Goals

- Increase student achievement
- Improve the quality of teaching and learning
- Address systemic issues across educational institutions
Broad Initiative

Assure that every child in MPS is performing at or above grade level in reading, writing, and mathematics.
Five Breakthrough Strategies

1. Balanced Literacy Framework
2. School Learning Teams
3. Professional Development
4. Monitor and Report Student Progress
5. Tutoring and Family Literacy
Implementation Team

- Partner organizations
- Weekly Meetings
- Action Plans
Priority 1 - Balanced Literacy

Definition

*The balanced literacy framework is a comprehensive literacy program that provides a balance of skill development and literacy-rich activities across all subject areas.*
Priority 2 – School Learning Teams

Purpose
Assist in providing school-wide support to assure all students demonstrate literacy at acceptable levels of growth.
School Learning Teams

Responsibilities

- Emphasize achievement and literacy
- Provide resources for literacy
- Assist with education plan
- Assist in monitoring pupil progress
- Support and conduct professional development
Priority 3 - Professional Development

Provide continuous professional development around the Balanced Literacy Framework across all content areas
Professional Development

Highly Trained Literacy Coaches
+
School Learning Teams
+
Competent, Caring Staff
=
Improved Teaching and Learning
Priority 4 – Monitor and Report Student Progress

Develop a Plan to Monitor and Report Progress of Students
Monitoring and Reporting Student Progress

at the
- student level
- classroom level
- school level
- district level
Priority 5 – Tutoring and Family Literacy

Focus on improving achievement in Reading, Writing, and Mathematics
Tutoring and Family Literacy

Strategies

- Provide tutors / advocates
- Identify a tutor coordinator
- Recruit and train volunteers
- Provide parent activities
Leaders of Milwaukee committed to:

- shared vision
- shared responsibility, and
- shared authority

for ensuring the academic success of MPS students
What’s the news here?

- Sharing and student success
- Research-based approach
- Comprehensive, yet focused
- Outcomes driven
- Systemic