



## Race to the Top Round Two Winners Announced

On August 24, 2010, the U.S. Department of Education announced the round two winners of the \$4.35 billion federal grant competition, Race to the Top. The ten winning round two applicants (**District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Maryland, Massachusetts, New York, North Carolina, Ohio and Rhode Island**) now join the round one winners, Delaware and Tennessee, as groundbreaking leaders in education reform – reforms that will include:

- Adopting commons standards and assessments;
- Building robust data systems that measure student growth and success;
- Implementing comprehensive human capital provisions; and
- Turning around the lowest-performing schools.

### Highlights and Observations from Race to the Top Round Two Winners

#### Of the Ten Winning Applicants...

- All but one state, Maryland, applied in round one of Race to the Top;
- Only one winner, Hawaii, is located west of the Mississippi River; and
- Many adopted new policies or made legislative changes aligned to Race to the Top's requirements (i.e. changing teacher and principal evaluations to include student achievement, expanding alternative routes to teacher and principal certification, increasing charter caps, adopting Common Core standards, and allowing intervention authority in low-performing schools).

#### *State Success Factors*

- The majority have strong district and union participation and support:

| State          | District Support | Local Union Support |
|----------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Washington DC  | 63%              | 0%                  |
| Florida        | 96%              | 79%                 |
| Georgia        | 14%              | N/A                 |
| Hawaii         | 100%             | 100%                |
| Maryland       | 92%              | 8%                  |
| Massachusetts  | 70%              | 94%                 |
| New York       | 86%              | 71%                 |
| North Carolina | 100%             | 100%                |
| Ohio           | 53%              | 100%                |
| Rhode Island   | 96%              | 30%                 |

#### *Standards and Assessments*

- All have adopted the Common Core Standards;
- All have aligned high school graduation requirements with higher education entrance requirements;

### Data Systems

- The majority have well developed data systems as defined by the America COMPETES Act and the Data Quality Campaign:

| State          | America COMPETES Act (# of elements out of 12 elements) | Data Quality Campaign (# of elements out of 10) |
|----------------|---|---|
| Washington DC  | 9   | 4   |
| Florida        | 12  | 10  |
| Georgia        | 12  | 10  |
| Hawaii         | 11  | 8   |
| Maryland       | 10  | 7   |
| Massachusetts  | 12  | 8   |
| New York       | 12  | 6   |
| North Carolina | 12  | 8   |
| Ohio           | 10  | 9   |
| Rhode Island   | 12  | 7   |

### Effective Teachers and Leaders

- All require student growth data to be part of a teacher and principal's annual evaluation:
  - Florida and Rhode Island require student growth to count for more than 50 percent of an educator's annual evaluation;
  - Washington DC, Georgia, Hawaii and Maryland require student growth to count for 50 percent of an educator's annual evaluation;
  - Massachusetts, North Carolina and Ohio require student growth to be a "significant determinant" in an educator's annual evaluation; and
  - New York requires student growth to count for 40 percent of an educator's annual evaluation.

### Turning Around Low-Performing Schools

- All allow state authority to intervene in low-performing schools;
- The majority indicate that the lowest-achieving schools in their state will be a key focus of their reform plan; and
- All have a strong focus on training teachers and principals to work in low-performing schools.

### Charter Schools and STEM

- All allow for Charter Schools:
  - Florida, Georgia and Maryland do not have a cap on charter schools; and
  - Washington DC, Hawaii, Massachusetts, New York, North Carolina, Ohio and Rhode Island recently passed laws to raise their charter school cap.
- All have STEM strategies incorporated in their applications.



## Race to the Top: Round Two Final Results

| Rank                                      | State                | Round Two Score<br>(out of 500 points) | Round One Score<br>(out of 500 points) | Change in Score | Funding Awarded |
|---|----------------------|--|--|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1   | Massachusetts        | 471.0                                  | 411.4                                  | 59.6            | \$250 M         |
| 2   | New York             | 464.8                                  | 464.8                                  | 408.6           | \$700 M         |
| 3   | Hawaii               | 462.4                                  | 364.6                                  | 97.8            | \$75 M          |
| 4   | Florida              | 452.4                                  | 431.4                                  | 21              | \$700 M         |
| 5   | Rhode Island         | 451.2                                  | 419.0                                  | 32.2            | \$75 M          |
| 6   | District of Columbia | 450.0                                  | 402.4                                  | 47.6            | \$75 M          |
|   | Maryland             | 450.0                                  | -                                      | -               | \$75 M          |
| 8   | Georgia              | 446.4                                  | 433.6                                  | 12.8            | \$400 M         |
| 9   | North Carolina       | 44.16                                  | 414.0                                  | 27.6            | \$400 M         |
| 10  | Ohio                 | 440.8                                  | 418.6                                  | 22.2            | \$400M          |
| 11  | New Jersey           | 437.8                                  | 387.0                                  | 50.8            | -               |
| 12  | Arizona              | 435.4                                  | 240.2                                  | 195.2           | -               |
| 13  | Louisiana            | 434.0                                  | 418.2                                  | 15.8            | -               |
| 14  | South Carolina       | 431.0                                  | 423.2                                  | 7.8             | -               |
| 15  | Illinois             | 426.6                                  | 423.8                                  | 2.8             | -               |
| 16  | California           | 423.6                                  | 336.8                                  | 86.8            | -               |
| 17  | Colorado             | 420.2                                  | 409.6                                  | 10.6            | -               |
| 18  | Pennsylvania         | 417.6                                  | 420.0                                  | -2.4            | -               |
| 19  | Kentucky             | 412.4                                  | 418.8                                  | -6.4            | -               |
| 20  | Oklahoma             | 391.8                                  | 294.6                                  | 97.2            | -               |
| 21  | Arkansas             | 389.2                                  | 394.4                                  | -5.2            | -               |
| 22  | Iowa                 | 382.8                                  | 346.0                                  | 36.8            | -               |
| 23  | Michigan             | 381.6                                  | 366.2                                  | 15.4            | -               |
| 24  | Nevada               | 381.2                                  | -                                      | -               | -               |
| 25  | Utah                 | 379.0                                  | 379.4                                  | -0.4            | -               |
|   | Connecticut          | 379.0                                  | 344.6                                  | 34.4            | -               |
| 27  | Wisconsin            | 368.4                                  | 341.2                                  | 27.2            | -               |
| 28  | New Mexico           | 366.2                                  | 325.2                                  | 41              | -               |
| 29  | New Hampshire        | 335.2                                  | 271.2                                  | 64              | -               |
| 30  | Missouri             | 316.4                                  | 301.4                                  | 15              | -               |
| 31  | Nebraska             | 295.8                                  | 247.4                                  | 48.4            | -               |
| 32  | Washington           | 290.6                                  | -                                      | -               | -               |
| 33  | Maine                | 283.4                                  | -                                      | -               | -               |
| 34  | Mississippi          | 263.4                                  | -                                      | -               | -               |
| 35  | Montana              | 238.4                                  | -                                      | -               | -               |
| 36  | Alabama              | 212.0                                  | 291.2                                  | -79.2           | -               |
| <i>Race to the Top: Round One Winners</i> |                      |  |  |                 |                 |
| 1   | Delaware             | 454.6                                  | -                                      | -               | \$107M          |
| 2   | Tennessee            | 402.2                                  | -                                      | -               | \$502 M         |