

RACE TO THE TOP: PROJECT 6 - College and Career Readiness

Executive Summary:

College and Career Readiness Project invests heavily (\$2,426,850) in additional credit recovery options for our high school students, expanded access to Advanced Placement courses and support, college prep targeting Latino students; additional supports to our college-prep and leadership “school within a school” at James Logan High; college and career counseling and a new center for students at our alternative high school; and the creation of a new STEM academy. This project builds on the strategies found in the Literacy and Common Core Standards Project, including the focus on critical literacy across the curriculum and the revamping of math instruction. We are putting together a menu of support and resources to ensure that all students have the supports they need to graduate college-and-career ready. Funds will be used to pay for intensive Summer AP institutes for teachers, curriculum leaders, STEM coordinator and development time, a Restorative Justice Coordinator, expansion of Puente program, expansion of counseling, an intervention specialist and college and career staffing. Additionally, funds will be used for STEM textbooks, hardware and software and planning.

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The focus of Project 6 is to ensure that all students leave our system college- and career-ready. Today, we're highlighting three areas that RTT-D will be funding: the creation of a Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) academy at James Logan High, enhancing college and career support at Conley-Caraballo High, and expanding the Puente program.

Funding for a STEM Academy at Logan begins next year. RTTT-D funds will be used to hire a STEM coordinator and to provide planning time for the coordinator to work with teachers to develop curriculum and recruit students to be in the STEM Academy. Money is also allocated for staff to attend the STEM Summer Institute. In addition, there is funding for STEM materials, hardware, software and textbooks.

RTTT-D funds are already being used at Conley-Caraballo High to support college and career counseling. This winter, we were able to expand counseling services by .40 FTE (full-time equivalent), so that Conley-Caraballo has a full-time counselor. The additional counseling time allows for more college and career guidance and support for students. The next step is to purchase My Ten-Year Plan software, which will support college and career planning for Conley-Caraballo students, as well as purchase materials for the new career center. All of this is funded through RTTT-D.

Logan's successful Puente Program will also be expanded next year using RTTT-D funds. Funds are allocated to hire a .40 FTE Puente teacher, adding two more sections. There is also funding to hire a .60 FTE counselor to provide support to Puente students.

Project 6, which is being led by our Chief Academic Officer Arlando Smith funds many more college and career supports that we'll highlight in the weeks to come.