

## **RACE TO THE TOP: PROJECT 7 - Implementation and Evaluation for Continuous Improvement**

### **Executive Summary:**

Implementation and Evaluation Project invests \$1,857,815 to ensure that our plans are implemented with consistency and quality, and that we receive ongoing formative data on the success of our implementation, our challenges and our opportunities. To this end, we are budgeting for both implementation coaching and extensive external evaluation. This project invests in coaching from nationally recognized experts in district wide school reform, more intensively in the first two years and gradually decreasing over the last two years.

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“The work of Project 7 is to ensure the implementation, evaluation and sustainability of the RTTT-D Grant. I am the leader of this project, (and) ... to help lead us in this work, we have formed a Guiding Coalition. The Guiding Coalition is a team of over 50 representatives from each of the RTTT-D projects (staff and community members) who will come together three times annually to:

- Serve as an advisory team to create a vision of our work in reform and transformation
- Learn about each other’s work and how our work connects
- Support and learn from each other as we implement our reform effort
- Spread the word and create excitement about the work
- Share/learn about data on our implementation, our progress, and our ideas and plans for next steps

“The Guiding Coalition met (last week) to learn about the work going on in each of the projects and to see the connections and interdependence amongst them. The Guiding Coalition will meet three times each year to spread the word about RTT-D activities at their sites and in the community.”