

BARBERTION CITY SCHOOLS
Race to the Top Update
September 2011

Key Accomplishments and Challenges

Elaine Shannon-Smith facilitated 7 days of Professional Development in the BCSD. Math teachers were provided an overview of the new Common Core Standards. Kindergarten and first grade teachers completed new math maps aligned with the Common Core Standards. All other grades imposed/incorporated the Common Core Standards onto the current math maps

Four Title 1 teachers and five tutors attended DIBELS Next training at the SCESC. This screening has new forms and passages, clearer directions for the students and a comprehension component.

We have been approved for two Waiver Days for further professional collaboration. These days are November 8, 2011 and May 21, 20112.

A challenge that we are facing is completing the LEA Professional Development Plan due on October 28.

RttT Timeline

Are we on track?

Yes, Math Common Core standards work is well underway. Kindergarten and first grade teachers are implementing the Common Core standards in their classrooms.

If not on track, identify strategies that will be employed to meet goals and performance measures.

Resources needed to achieve goals, support from ODE needed

We are awaiting approval of the CCIP Race to the Top grant application by ODE for the 2011-2012 school year.

We are awaiting further instructions from ODE regarding the Formative Assessments for Middle School Pilot Program. Barberton Middle School was informed in June that their math teachers have been accepted into the program. They will attend their first meeting on September 28 in Columbus.

Sally Levine, our RttT Regional Specialist, indicated that ODE will be providing support to districts completing the Professional Development report in early October. BCSD will take advantage of that support.