

**BARBERTION CITY SCHOOLS**  
**Race to the Top Update**  
**November, 2011**

***Key Accomplishments and Challenges***

Two RttT team members, Janice Firtha and Alice Ericksen were invited to a “listening session” with a USDOE official after the Race to the Top Conference in Columbus on November 1st. They shared with him some of Barberton’s accomplishments in school improvement. Barberton was one of a very select group of districts to be invited for this conversation.

On the November 8<sup>th</sup> professional development day, teachers worked on common core standards alignment in language arts, math and science and analyzed assessment data from the first grading period.

Teams of teachers are attending Common Core PD at Summit Co. ESC.

Middle school teachers have continued their FAMS training (formative assessment) as they participate in the state pilot.

Three administrators and one teacher attended the second day of training for the Principal Evaluation System on November 22nd. Three administrators will pilot the system this school year.

Neil Roseberry, a RttT state consultant has asked us to pilot formative assessment modules that have been created by Battelle for Kids. Teams from each elementary building and the high school have agreed to participate in this pilot, which will run for 6-8 weeks.

The Barberton Professional Development Plan was submitted to RttT for approval.

***RttT Timeline***

***Are we on track?***

Yes.

***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 need to devote more data team time to analyzing value-added scores and discussing implications revealed in the data. We will also need more teacher collaboration time to complete the curriculum revisions for math, language arts, science and social studies before the end of the 2011-2012 school year.