

STATE	NAME	TITLE	ROLE IN EXECUTING RACE TO THE TOP PLAN
CO	Barbara O'Brien	Lt. Governor	Chair of the Race to the Top Leadership Investment Board; led the public engagement process for Colorado's Race to the Top process
CO	Dwight Jones	Commissioner of Education	Direct Supervisor for Race to the Top CEO
CO	Linda Barker	Director of Teaching and Learning, Colorado Education Association (CEA)	Member of the Advisory Board for the School Leadership Academy; primary liaison to the State Board of Education, the Colorado Association of School Executives, the Colorado Staff Development Council, the Colorado Department of Education, and the Governor's Council for Educator Effectiveness
CO	Richard Wenning	Associate Commissioner, Colorado Department of Education	Responsible for implementing Colorado's accountability system and further development and implementation of the CO Growth Model and SchoolView; Race to the Top public input committee for Data Systems, Co-Chair
CO	Nina Lopez	Special Assistant to the Commissioner, Director of ARRA	Race to the Top CEO, Governor's Council for Educator Effectiveness, Vice Chair; led writing team for Race to the Top; Race to the Top public input committee for Great Teachers and Leaders, Co-Chair

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DE	Mervin B. Daugherty, Ed. D.	Red Clay Consolidated School District Superintendent	Represents school districts implementing all initiatives at the local level
DE	Diane T. Donohue	Delaware State Education Association President	Represents school based personnel implementing all initiatives at the local level
DE	Lillian M. Lowery, Ed. D.	Secretary of Education	Represents the SEA implementing all initiatives
DE	Jack A. Markell	Governor	Represents the Delaware Executive State Branch implementing all initiatives
DE	Marvin N. Schoenhals	Former WFSF Financial Corporation CEO & Vision 2015 Chair	Represents Delaware's public/private partnerships and community leadership; member of the state's Implementation Action Team that helped develop the state's strategic plan

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DC	Adrian M. Fenty	Mayor, District of Columbia	Acts as Governor for the purposes of the District of Columbia's application; ultimately accountable for District's education reform
DC	Kerri Briggs	State Superintendent	Leads District's State Educational Agency; in charge of receiving and executing the Race to the Top award and ensuring implementation
DC	Victor Reinoso	Deputy Mayor for Education	Oversees education reform for the Mayor and ensures that LEAs and SEA are working in collaboration and with an aligned agenda; coordinates other District resources to support education reform efforts
DC	Michelle Rhee	Chancellor, District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS)	Head of District's largest LEA and only traditional public school system; charged with implementing Race to the Top at the LEA level for the majority of students in the District; DCPS is a participating LEA
DC	Jennie Niles	Founder and Head of School, EL Haynes Public Charter School	Head of one of the highest-performing LEAs in the District; serves as a charter school leader in the development and implementation of the District's Race to the Top plan

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FL	Charlie Crist	Governor	Responsible for leadership at the state level
FL	Dr. Eric Smith	Commissioner of Education	Responsible for successful implementation at the state level
FL	Dr. Frances Haithcock	Chancellor of Public Schools	Responsible for successful implementation at the state level
FL	Mary Ellen Elia	Superintendent of Hillsborough County School Districts	Responsible for implementing at the local level
FL	Alberto Carvalho	Superintendent of Miami-Dade County Public Schools	Responsible for garnering union support and implementing at the local level

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GA	Sonny Perdue	Governor	Primary leader of Georgia's Race to the Top team and ultimately accountable for the effective and efficient implementation of proposed reforms; will hire and hold directly accountable the Race to the Top Director who will be housed in the Governor's Office of Student Achievement
GA	Kathy Cox	State Superintendent of Schools	Oversees Georgia's Department of Education; serves as an ex-officio member and CEO of Georgia's State Board of Education; the Georgia Department of Education and State Board of Education are charged with executing a great number of Race to the Top reforms
GA	J. Alvin Wilbanks	Superintendent, Gwinnett County Public Schools	CEO of Georgia's largest school district, which is a participating LEA; will ensure that Gwinnett County Public Schools is implementing Georgia's Race to the Top plan and will provide helpful feedback in the areas that require state/local collaboration
GA	Erin Hames	Policy Director, Office of the Governor	Served as the Executive Sponsor of Georgia's Race to the Top effort and will continue to serve on Georgia's Race to the Top Steering Committee; will ensure that the state agencies are working together to faithfully implement Georgia's reform plan
GA	Kathleen Mathers	Executive Director, Governor's Office of Student Achievement	Served as a Project Manager on Georgia's Race to the Top plan and will continue to serve on the state's Race to the Top Steering Committee; will ensure the implementation of Georgia's reform plan

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IL	Christopher A. Koch, Ed.D.	State Superintendent of Education	Leadership and management of implementation
IL	Susie Morrison	Deputy Superintendent, Illinois State Board of Education	With the State Superintendent, will be responsible for leadership and management of implementation
IL	Darren Reisberg	Deputy Superintendent, Illinois State Board of Education	With the State Superintendent, will be responsible for leadership and management of implementation
IL	Audrey Soglin	Executive Director, Illinois Education Association	Executive Director of one of two statewide teacher unions; will help guide these reforms and will work with local collective bargaining units on implementation
IL	Miguel del Valle	Chairman, Illinois P-20 Council	The Governor has charged the P-20 Council with advising on the implementation of the state's Race to the Top plan and identifying the resources necessary to sustain reforms

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KY	Dr. Terry Holliday	Commissioner of Education	Executive Leadership for plan implementation
KY	David Cook	Project Manager, Race to the Top	Day-to-day management of plan development and implementation
KY	Felicia Cumings Smith	Associate Commissioner, Kentucky Department of Education, Office of Teaching and Learning	Responsible for the implementation of the work around common core standards and professional development for teachers
KY	Mary Ann Blankenship	Executive Director, Kentucky Education Association	Leads the state's teacher association whose support in both drafting and implementing the key elements of the proposal has been and will be vital
KY	Dr. Aaron Thompson	Vice President, Council on Postsecondary Education (CPE)	CPE will be primarily responsible for ensuring higher education's key role in the elements of Kentucky's proposal

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LA	Paul Pastorek	State Superintendent of Education	Will lead the implementation of the state's application; will work with participating districts and other stakeholders to ensure the political will for the state's Reform Plan remains strong; will hold all contributors and participants in Race to the Top accountable for performance against the state's Nine Priority Goals
LA	Paul Vallas	Superintendent, Recovery School District (RSD)	Has ultimate responsibility and authority for executing the state's turnaround mechanism, the RSD; in charge of collecting and disseminating the best practices learned in our turnaround efforts the past 5 years and sharing those with participating districts
LA	Glenny Lee Buquet	Member, Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE); Chair, Louisiana Blue Ribbon Commission	Charged with leading the Louisiana Blue Ribbon Commission to developing new compensation policies for educators based on a value-added approach; will lead efforts to cement the Louisiana Education Reform Plan and Race to the Top initiatives in all schools and districts; will ensure that university and alternative teacher preparation programs incorporate new common standards and curriculum as well as continue to make reforms based on the value-added effectiveness of graduates
LA	Karen Carter Peterson	State Senator	Senator Peterson began school turnaround reform in Louisiana by authoring the Recovery School District legislation in 2003. As the former Speaker Pro Temp of the House, Senator Peterson will now lead education reform efforts in the Senate. She is well respected among the education community and, as a leader in the state Democratic party, she is noted as a bi-partisan champion for education reform. She will assure continued successful outreach efforts with stakeholders.
LA	Rayne Martin	Director, Race to the Top Reform Team	Charged with overseeing the implementation of the Louisiana Education Reform Plan and the Race to the Top application; will work closely with districts, department initiative teams, and other stakeholders to ensure that timelines and goals are met; will coordinate the change management functions of the department's reorganization which is already underway; will coordinate the interaction between the various initiative teams and service functions of the agency

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MA	Paul Reville	Secretary of Education	State leadership with a focus on connections to early and higher education agencies and other state agencies that serve children and youth
MA	Mitchell Chester	Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education	Overall implementation strategy
MA	Jeffrey Nellhaus	Deputy Commissioner	Implementation of standards and assessments, data systems, and STEM components
MA	Karla Baehr	Deputy Commissioner	Implementation of school turnaround and teacher and leader components
MA	Carol Johnson	Superintendent, Boston Public Schools	Superintendent of our largest public school district, including 12 of our state's persistently lowest achieving schools
MA	Carrie Conaway [alternate]	Director of Planning, Research, and Evaluation	Director of the office that will manage the overall program, evaluate program implementation and impacts, disburse grants, monitor expenditures, and provide accountability reporting to the federal government

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NY	Dr. David Steiner	Commissioner of Education and President of the University of the State of New York	Will have overall responsibility for implementing the state's Race to the Top educational reform strategies
NY	Dr. John King	NYSED Senior Deputy Commissioner, P-12	Heads NYSED's Race to the Top Management Office and Office of P-12 Education; will oversee all Race to the Top implementation work and resources
NY	Ira Schwartz	NYSED Assistant Commissioner, Accountability	Will oversee school accountability and compliance; will identify persistently lowest achieving schools, coordinate grant programs and the provision of technical assistance to implement turnaround strategies, and conduct an annual evaluation of intervention efforts
NY	Laura Smith	NYSED Assistant Commissioner, External Partnerships & Research	Will pursue external resources to ensure sustainability of Race to the Top-funded reforms; under her leadership, the NYSED Research Support Group will package and disseminate information about proven best practices and successful, scalable models to help districts and teachers be more effective
NY	Robert L. Hughes	President, New Visions for Public Schools	Is a partner to the NYC Department of Education and the New York State Education Department in implementing innovative teacher and principal certification programs and turning around low performing schools

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NC	Bev Perdue	Governor	Will oversee Race to the Top initiatives; serves as Chair of the K-12 Education Reform Commission for implementation of Race to the Top
NC	Bill Harrison	Chairman of the State Board of Education	Will lead and direct the implementation of the Race to the Top initiatives including development of and changes to any rule, law, or regulation needed to support Race to the Top
NC	June Atkinson	State Superintendent	Will manage the execution of the Race to the Top initiatives as approved by the State Board of Education
NC	Glenn Kleiman	Executive Director, Friday Institute, NC State University	Will coordinate the implementation of Race to the Top's higher education initiatives
NC	Bill McNeal	Executive Director of the NC Association of School Administrators	Will serve as partner and assist with the execution of Race to the Top initiatives in the local education agencies

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OH	Ted Strickland	Governor	Is a leader in galvanizing public and political will for the implementation of the state plan and has made the performance of Ohio's educational system a top priority
OH	Deborah S. Delisle	Superintendent of Public Instruction	Works with the State Board of Education, the Chancellor of the Ohio Board of Regents, and other state and local leaders to advance P-20 system and structural innovations that ensure all students in Ohio are college and career ready and have access to high quality teachers and leaders
OH	Marilyn Troyer	Deputy Superintendent	Oversees the implementation, performance quality, and alignment of existing and planned federal and state initiatives that support and advance Ohio's Race to the Top plan; will serve as the Executive Manager for Race to the Top
OH	Gene Harris	Superintendent, Columbus City Schools	Plays a pivotal role in turning around low achieving schools and ensuring access of students to great teachers and leaders; will play a key leadership role in the implementation of the School Innovation Support Network--the public and private collaborative designed to amplify and accelerate successful turnaround school efforts
OH	Jim Mahoney	Executive Director, Battelle for Kids	Will be an integral part of implementing Ohio's Race to the Top plan, in particular expanding the use of value added data statewide and working with educators to use the data in meaningful ways
OH	Harold Brown [alternate]	Executive Director, EdWorks	Will play an integral role in implementing the School Innovation and Support Network proposed in Ohio's Race to the Top plan--the public and private collaborative focused on turning around low-achieving schools

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PA	Dr. Arlene C. Ackerman	Superintendent School District of Philadelphia	Will be responsible for implementing Race to the Top reforms in the largest school district in Pennsylvania; in addition to being a participating district, the School District of Philadelphia has 76 schools that will be part of Pennsylvania's Race to the Top turnaround school initiative
PA	Dr. Linda S. Lane	Deputy Superintendent Pittsburgh Public Schools	Will play a lead role in implementing Race to the Top reforms in the second largest school district in Pennsylvania; in addition to being a participating district, 10 schools within the Pittsburgh Public Schools will be part of Pennsylvania's Race to the Top turnaround school initiative
PA	Dr. Lawrence O'Shea	Executive Director Delaware County Intermediate Unit (DCIU)	Will be responsible for providing technical assistance and job embedded professional development to the nine Race to the Top participating districts in the county; in addition to the participating district, DCIU will support 10 schools that will be part of Pennsylvania's Race to the Top turnaround school initiative
PA	Donna Cooper	Secretary of Planning and Policy, Governor's Office	Coordinates program planning and policy development among the executive branch agencies; will be responsible for ensuring continued coordination with, and support from, key Race to the Top stakeholders including legislative leaders, the State Board of Education, and external education advocacy organizations
PA	Dr. Gerald L. Zahorchak	Secretary of Education	Will be responsible for ensuring that Pennsylvania fulfills all the commitments and meets all the objectives of Pennsylvania's Race to the Top plan; will provide direct supervision to department staff responsible for Race to the Top implementation; will establish project monitoring and accountability systems to ensure timely, efficient and high quality progress on Race to the Top initiatives

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RI	Donald Carcieri	Governor	Ensures that RI has the resources and conditions necessary for education reform; appoints the members of the Board of Regents for Elementary and Secondary Education; will ensure that RI has a policy framework and operational procedures that remove barriers to implementation of RI's Race to the Top application
RI	Elizabeth (Betsy) Shimberg [alternate]	Member of the Board of Regents	Is a member of an engaged governing board that will ensure that RI is meeting all of its commitments outlined in the Race to the Top application; the Board will follow the implementation of the grant to ensure that all formative goals and objectives are being met
RI	Deborah Gist	Commissioner	Responsible for ensuring that both RI's strategic agenda and Race to the Top plan are implemented fully, with fidelity, and so that all goals and objectives are met; will continue to engage in the broad community building that ensures that RI maintains its focus and commitment so that all students graduate from high school ready to engage in post-secondary studies or careers
RI	David Abbott	Deputy Commissioner	Is part of Commissioner Gist's executive team and is responsible for oversight of all efforts to turnaround RI's lowest performing schools, building data systems as well as interpretation tools, and developing a strong charter school presence in the state
RI	Mary Ann Snider	Chief of Educator Excellence and Effective Instruction	Is part of Commissioner Gist's executive team and is responsible for standards and assessment work, building instructional and curricula coherence, and developing educator evaluation and support systems outlined in the application
RI	Tom Brady	Superintendent of Providence Schools	Is responsible for implementing RI's application in its largest school district; will ensure that all of its lowest performing schools change significantly over the course of the grant so that its students are meeting standards and graduating from high school demonstrating high levels of proficiency

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SC	Jim Rex, Ph.D.	State Superintendent of Education	Set the vision for the application and appointed the team leader of the writing team; can speak to the capacity of the state to implement the grant
SC	Gerrita Postlewait, Ph.D.	Chair-elect SC State Board of Education, Chief K12 Officer for the Stupski Foundation.	As a member of the State Board, provided input into the proposal and voted to approve the submission of the application; can speak to the capacity of the school districts to implement the grant and the state's efforts to significantly transform the education system
SC	Janice Poda, Ph.D.	Deputy Superintendent for Administration at the S.C. Department of Education and acts as the State Superintendent's Chief of Staff	Oversees implementation of changes to SC's systems for alternative certification, evaluation, and compensation; responsible for Section D, Equitably Distribute Effective Educators, Section E, Turnaround Struggling Schools of the grant application, and Priority 5, P-20 Alignment
SC	Betsy Carpentier	Deputy Superintendent of the Division of Innovation & Support	Is the team leader for all ARRA projects, including Race to the Top, and for this grant will coordinate reporting, internal controls, and data quality; served as team leader of the writing team and is responsible for Section A, State Success Factors, Section C, Data Informs Learning and Decisions, and Section F, Funding, Charters, Innovations, Reforms, Priority 3, Montessori, Priority 4, Expanded SLDS, and the budget
SC	Valerie Evans Harrison, Ed.D.	Deputy Superintendent for the Division of Standards and Learning at the S.C. Department of Education.	Responsible for Section B, Standards and Assessments, and Priority Two, STEM for All

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TN	Phil Bredesen	Governor - Chief Executive Officer	Will appoint First to the Top Oversight Team
TN	Tim Webb	Commissioner	Will have responsibility for the overall coordination of First to the Top implementation
TN	Jamie Woodson	Senator, Speaker Pro Tempore of the Tennessee Senate, Member of the Senate Education Committee, Member of Senate Finance Committee	Will have responsibility for any related legislative changes and general legislative oversight of First to the Top
TN	Dr. Jim McIntyre	Superintendent of Knox County Public Schools, Member of the Coalition of Large School Systems	Will have responsibility for implementing First to the Top in Knox County Public Schools
TN	Ms. Tomeka Hart	Memphis City Public Schools School Board Member	Will have responsibility and oversight for First to the Top in Memphis City Public Schools; has responsibility for implementation of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation Teacher Effectiveness Initiative; will also serve on and have responsibility for development of the new evaluation system for teachers and principals