



THEODORE R. KULONGOSKI  
Governor

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Dear Supporter of Education in Oregon:

We are pleased to ask you to be an advisor as we create the Oregon Race to the Top (RTTT) application. RTTT is the new federal competitive grant program to award over \$4 billion to states taking the lead in education reform.

The Governor's Office and the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) are working to prepare Oregon's application for RTTT by December of this year, and the feedback of stakeholders like you is critical to our success. U.S. Department of Education guidelines have identified four key assurances and 19 criteria that will be the basis for evaluating the applications.

The application is being developed by a design team with four work groups that will focus on particular criteria that must be addressed in the application as outlined by the federal government.

Each work group has been given a specific charge to help develop a component of our application and will submit these to the design team for review.

**We are asking you to engage with us and provide feedback to the draft reports of the work groups. We will also provide you with supporting documents and background that led them to the draft report conclusions. This means you would receive a notification via e-mail mid to late October with the link to the "draft work" on the ODE website with instructions on how to provide feedback. Please respond only if you are not comfortable being listed as a stakeholder in this process.**

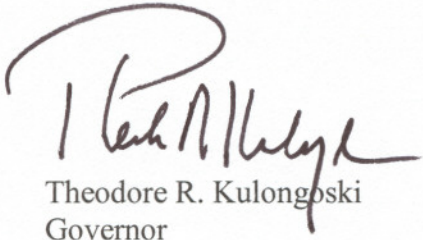
We believe Oregon is well positioned to submit a winning application and that with your help we know we can make it a success.

More information about the program can be found on the U.S. Department of Education's website at: <http://www.ed.gov/programs/racetothetop/index.html>. You can also find the design team and work groups on the Oregon Department of Education's website at <http://www.ode.state.or.us/search/page/?id=2781>.

If you have any questions, please contact Ed Dennis, Deputy Superintendent, at [ed.dennis@state.or.us](mailto:ed.dennis@state.or.us) or at (503) 947-5801.

We greatly appreciate your efforts on behalf of all of Oregon's children.

Sincerely,

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Susan Castillo  
Superintendent of Public Instruction

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