



Career & College: Ready, Set, Go! NC's Race to the Top (RttT) Initiative

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Objectives

- What Race to the Top (RttT) is
- What RttT is not
- How RttT might factor into education funding decisions in 2011



Presentation Overview

- RttT Context & Quick Facts
- RttT Initiatives
- Implications

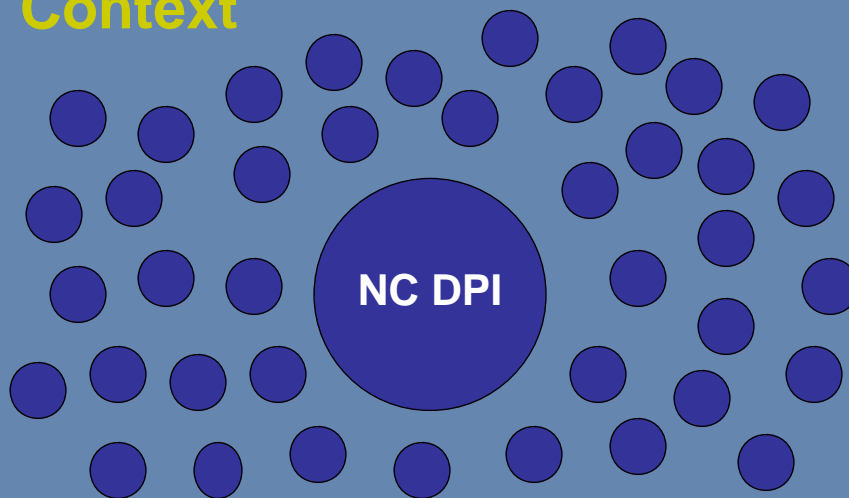


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Context



115 School Districts

100 Charter Schools



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Context

Challenge: Modernize the System

- Vision clear
- Change takes time and money

RttT provides an opportunity...



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RttT Quick Facts

What is RttT?

- Competitive Grant – NC one of 12
- Focused, strategic reform
- \$400 million over four years



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RttT Quick Facts

What is RttT?

- Strengthen infrastructure
- Build capacity to sustain reform
- Non-State dollars to help us move ahead “Further and Faster”

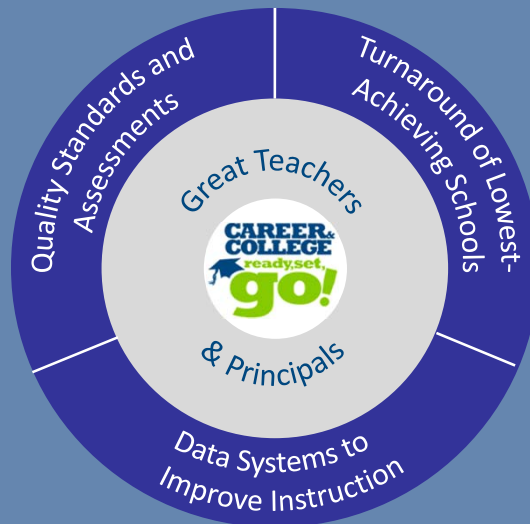


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Building on Lessons Learned



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Standards & Assessments

- Standards
- Assessments



Effective Teachers & Principals

- Statewide Evaluation System
- Professional Development
- Recruitment & Retention



Data Systems

- Tools for Teachers & Principals
- NC Education Cloud



Turning Around the Lowest-Achieving Schools

- Capacity Building
- Customized Support



Evidence of Prior Success in High School Turnaround

Percent Proficient	0-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60-69	70-79	80+
2009-10 (Number of schools)	0	1	3	12	14	25	11
2008-09 (Number of schools)	2	5	10	19	21	9	0
2007-08 (Number of schools)	0	9	17	27	12	1	0
2006-07 (Number of schools)	2	9	35	18	2	0	0



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Implications

1. RttT is saving the State General Fund dollars by using non-State money to modernize the public education system
2. RttT initiatives will not only improve the NC system, but will do so cost-effectively (NC DPI provides economies of scale, saves money for districts and charters)
3. NC DPI is innovating (other states seeking to emulate NC)



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