

DATE: April 25, 2013

SUBJECT: Race to the Top Implementation Status

ACTION RECOMMENDED: Information

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The Tennessee Higher Education Commission has been responsible for implementing several projects of the state's First to the Top initiatives, managing \$23 million in funding. THEC has been working closely with institutions of higher education and the TN Department of Education to ensure that the work aligns with the overall goals of education reform.

Staff will give an update on current First to the Top with an emphasis on the recent trainings on Common Core State Standards for higher education faculty. Staff will also provide information on THEC's partnership with the Ayers Institute for Teacher Learning and Innovation who are working to create curricular resources for teacher training programs around the new standards.

Please visit www.lipscomb.edu/ayers/invest to view the resources that have already been developed.