



2016

Making Strides Together *Curriculum Award for* *Excellence in Urban Education*



Happy Spring Everyone,

We are excited to announce that the Council of the Great City Schools and Curriculum Associates will partner to offer a new district team award. This award recognizes district teams who have been able to break their organizational silos to work toward a common goal to improve student achievement. The award, *Making Strides Together*, will be presented during our upcoming Annual Academic, Information Technology & Research Conference, July 11-14, 2016.

The *Making Strides Together* award allows us to recognize a district that is strategically involved in cross-functional teaming for planning, implementing, and monitoring progress on a regular basis. In order to be eligible for this award, district teams should organize documentation according to the award criteria listed below:

- Process used to determine the focus of the initiatives
- Development of a shared vision
- District team's timeline in planning, implementing, progress monitoring and evaluating the initiative
- Adjustments made to improve the initiative based on feedback loops, satisfaction surveys, observations, or other data
- Communication across departments and at the school level
- Systematic use of human resources to support the initiative
- Evidence of impact on student achievement

We hope that you will submit an application with the required materials and be willing to share your success and challenges during one of our upcoming conferences. All information should be emailed by June 7th to Ricki Price-Baugh, rpricebaugh@cgcs.org.



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APPLICATION FORM

DISTRICT TEAM (Names and Titles)

Name _____ Title _____

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School or Organization _____

Work Address _____

Name of Primary Point of Contact _____

Telephone: Work _____ Cell: _____

E-Mail _____

Please list any official recognition of the district team's success in facilitating cross-functional work to improve teaching and learning and to increase student achievement.

RATIONALE

Please explain why you believe that your district team deserves to receive *The Making Strides Together for Excellence In Urban Education*. Please limit your response to no more than two (2) pages.



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ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

DISTRICT TEAMS

- The district must be an active member of the Council of the Great City Schools.
- Nominees must be willing to attend the Annual Academic, Information Technology & Research Conference to accept the award on Tuesday, July 12, 2016. Registration is waived for district team winners.
- Employees, retirees or relatives of employees or retirees of Curriculum Associates are not eligible for the award.
- Neither the members constituting the Board of Judges nor their relatives are eligible to be nominated. (The Council of the Great City Schools will select the Board of Judges.)

NOMINATING PROCEDURE

- Each year, the Board of Judges will select one district team winner from applications **submitted by email or hard-copy** to the Council of the Great City Schools.
- Nominations sent directly to Curriculum Associates will not be considered.
- **Completed applications must be received by June 7, 2016.**

JUDGING CRITERIA

The district team award winner receives the highest rating based on evidence submitted according to the application criteria.

The Making Strides Together Award will be awarded without regard to race, creed, religion, sex, age, or national affiliation.

Applications must be received by the Council of the Great City Schools no later than June 7, 2016. The winner will be notified by the Council of the Great City Schools.