



**Tennessee Higher Education Commission
State Board of Education
Joint Meeting**

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Race to the Top Year 1 Highlights

- New teacher and principal evaluation system
- Using data to improve instruction
 - All teachers have access to their TVAAS scores
 - BFK TVAAS training available to all educators

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- UTeach replication sites at four universities
 - UM, MTSU, UTC, UTK
 - 528 students currently enrolled
 - 150-200 graduates projected annually

- STEM Professional Development
 - Serving ~300 teachers across 33 counties
 - Round 2 RFP will be released February 1 with \$4.2 million available for funding
 - Opportunity to evaluate effectiveness of PD

Progress into Year 2

- Integrating TVAAS into pre-service training
 - Modules available at no cost to programs
 - Every teacher will be prepared to use data effectively in the classroom

- Common Core Standards implementation
 - TDOE continuing training for in-service teachers
 - THEC developing curriculum to integrate in pre-service training
 - K-12 and Higher Education are working collaboratively to implement new standards and ensure all teachers receive training

Moving Forward

- Raising expectations and standards for teachers was the first step, but there is still work to be done to improve teacher preparation programs.
- TDOE, SBE, and THEC are working together to revise the program approval and licensure standards based on national accreditation standards as well as outcome measures from the state report card.