

DATE: July 26, 2012

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 activities including the Year Two Review with the United States Department of Education and progress made towards implementation on several projects.