Meeting Summary

Florida's Race to the Top Teacher and Leader Preparation Implementation Committee (TLPIC) had their second face-to-face meeting in Ocala, Florida on June 15-16, 2011. Sixteen of the twenty-four members were present, representing teachers and school leaders from postsecondary institutions and school districts, district administrators, superintendents, and school board members. Other committee members participated electronically. Committee members spent Wednesday, June 15th reviewing the draft leadership standards developed during their first face-to-face meeting and considering the subcommittee members feedback. Additionally, the group referenced their notes from the previous discussion on contemporary research on effective leadership, reviewed the gap analysis of the current Florida Principal Leadership Standards (FPLS), and participated in small group work to develop guiding principles and standards that incorporate diversity and technology throughout.

Committee members spent Thursday, June 16th continuing refinements to the draft principal leadership standards. Discussions focused on topics including how an instructional leader should cultivate teacher leaders, how the standards should include reference to the Florida Educator Accomplished Practices (FEAPs), how school leaders should plan differentiated professional development based on faculty needs, how the standards can focus on closing the achievement gap, and how leaders should model and promote cultural competence and advocate for social equity/justice.

The committee plans to meet again via webinar on Wednesday, June 29th to finalize the draft leadership standards. The next face-to-face meeting will be October 5th-6th in Tampa.