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### Adrian Public Schools Selected by U.S. Department of Education to Participate in Collaboration 2011

January 22, 2011 – Adrian Public Schools has been selected by the U.S. Department of Education to participate in Collaboration 2011. **In an invitation from U.S. Secretary of Education, Arne Duncan, Adrian Public Schools was selected because of a demonstrated “commitment to pursue bold reforms that drive student success in a collaborative manner, and I salute your courage, your persistence, and your capacity to work together on behalf of children.”**

Collaboration 2011 is sponsored by the Ford Foundation and the result of the collective efforts of the U.S. Department of Education, the American Federation of Teachers, the National Education Association, the National School Boards Association, the America Association of School Administrators, the Council of Great City Schools, and the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Services. Adrian Public Schools Board of Education President, Jed Engle, Superintendent, Chris Timmis, and Adrian Education Association President, Jeff Condon, will attend the two day event on February 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. All costs are provided by the U.S. Department of Education.

The historic gathering requires attendance by the School Board President, Superintendent, and Teacher’s Union Leader along with a **pledge to build on the progress already made by working to turn labor-management relationships into tools for advancing student achievement.**

According to Adrian Public Schools Superintendent, Chris Timmis, “We are honored to join this important effort furthering our commitment to working collaboratively to increase student achievement...**being recognized not only locally for our efforts but nationally is a tremendous honor and reaffirms the importance of our work for the students of Adrian.**”

Adrian Education Association President, Jeff Condon, stated, “Collaboration 2011 will give us the chance to continue conversations about the efforts we've started as a district to **enhance learning for every APS student.** I am **excited** about the steps we've already taken towards improvement and look forward to this opportunity **to continue planning our direction as a district.**”

Adrian Public Schools is **one of only three schools in Michigan and 150 nationally selected to attend.** According to the invitation from Arne Duncan, **“despite the financially challenging times in which we find ourselves, innovation and reform-oriented districts like yours must continue to lead the way.”**