## **Margaret Niedzwiecki**

RttT Director
Ohio Department of Education



efore joining the Race to the Top (RttT) team two years ago, Maggie Niedzwiecki served as a teacher and principal at Perry Primary and Elementary Schools for 18 Years.

As a teacher Niedzwiecki had considerable leadership experience in working with professional learning communities and had demonstrated an ability to create an environment that promotes learning for all students. Through-out her professional career as an administrator Niedzwiecki concentrated on engaging educators on data based decision making and developing standards of support that allowed all students to achieve and grow. Prior to becoming the Director of Race to the Top, Niedzwiecki was the Northeast Race to the Top Regional Coordinator. Niedzwiecki developed levels of support for the 108 LEA's that she served. As the Race to the Top Director, Maggie oversees and coordinates the Ohio Department of Education's strategy for RttT implementation for 461 LEAs. She oversees and manages the program ensuring integration with ongoing education reform efforts; develops policies and manages the implementation program to monitor and improve progress for all Local Education Agencies'. She provides leadership and manages coordination of all RttT projects which accelerate reforms already underway, innovates with new efforts

and/or reinforces the existing infrastructure to sustain education reform.

Through constant communication, provisions and sustenance, Niedzwiecki has helped to create and maintain an atmosphere in Ohio that believes "all students can achieve and progress". She believes that in order to support our students, we must collaborate and develop shared leadership models that represent all levels of our LEA organizations.

Niedzwiecki completed her licensure in educational leadership and administration at John Carroll University after receiving her master's degree in education, instruction and curriculum from Cleveland State University and her bachelor's degree in art, elementary education from John Carroll University.

Niedzwiecki currently resides in Perry, Oh and is married to Scott, and has four children, Tomasz, Mark, Anna, and Michal.

Contact information for Margaret (Maggie) Niedzwiecki, RttT Director: phone (614) 420-0288 and email Maggie.Niedzwiecki@education.ohio.gov.