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Before serving as director of Race to the Top, Scott Spears held the position of Race to the Top Central Regional Coordinator. As the Race to the Top director, Spears oversees and coordinates the Ohio Department of the Education's strategy for Race to the Top implementation in 437 school districts and community schools throughout Ohio.

Dedicated to improving organizational performance to improve the quality of education for all kids, Scott Spears has served in Ohio's schools as an administrator in both urban and suburban districts.

Recently Spears was the superintendent at Springfield City Schools, leading the local school district from academic emergency to academic watch. Prior to this position, he served as assistant superintendent at Kettering City Schools, overseeing curriculum and instruction. In addition, Spears was the president at the Muse Machine, a private non-profit arts-in-education organization that teaches teachers how to use the arts to teach core curriculum.

Spears completed doctoral course work in educational policy and leadership at The Ohio State University after receiving his master's degree in educational administration at the University of Dayton and his bachelor's degree in teacher education at The Ohio State University. Spears has a wife who is a retired teacher and two adult children.

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