**MDCC Monthly Update: October 2013**

**Pilot School (Harbor Middle School):**

* We have been working on lesson plans and resource evaluation with the teachers.
* We purchased 3 digital cameras and 3 scanners for the 6th grade teachers to use for student portfolio development.

**Research:**

* Our research team piloted the research tools with 10 middle school students. During this pilot, the team decided to make some adjustments to the post-secondary readiness rubric. We did not need to make any adjustments to the self-determination survey.
* The team also decided to move all of the tools from Moodle to Survey Gizmo because of the flexibility of multiple simultaneous responses from multiple sources.

**Project Advisory Committee:**

* We surveyed our PAC and scheduled our first meeting to take place on November 6th using Adobe Connect.

**FQI Tool:**

* The “alpha” site for Future Quest Island is online and ready to be used by the students.
* We will start developing Phase 2 activities once we receive student feedback.

**Internal Communications:**

* Our core team continues to meets regularly to discuss the process of getting the project off the ground.
* Our full-team meets monthly to discuss updates and future plans for the project.

**Project Presentation:**

Lori Cooney was asked to present Future Quest Island to a group of school counselors at the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education’s Race to the Top conference. There was a lot of interest in the project.