



## **Inquiry Showcase Highlights Educator Research Findings**

Through a course led by UW-Madison, educators from across the District recently completed Action Research projects during which they worked to improve their practice through professional reading, research, discussion and collaboration. A showcase/reception was held at Hotel Mead as a culminating activity funded through the Department of Public Instruction and UW-Madison.

Teacher researchers had 40 minutes to share their results from their action research. This approach to professional learning involves crafting a driving question, developing a plan of action, organizing data, and analyzing the results.

Several community leaders, including WRPS board members and district administrators, learned about the teachers' explorations in their classrooms.

This UW-Madison course was heavily subsidized by friends of public education, along with the "Spotlight School" grant. Teachers earned three free credits or DEUs for conducting classroom research, which included attending one class per month.

A number of teachers expressed interest in taking this course again next year. The professors from UW-Madison and WRPS leaders are discussing this possibility. Questions and inquiries should be directed to Kathi Stebbins-Hintz ([kathi.stebbins@wrps.net](mailto:kathi.stebbins@wrps.net)), Director of Instruction.

Congratulations to all of our researchers!

