

Dropout Prevention Action Planning Worksheet

Summit State/Community:	Detroit, Michigan
Date and Location of Summit	April 24 and 25 at Lawrence Technological University
Geographical Area Covered by Summit:	Southeastern Michigan
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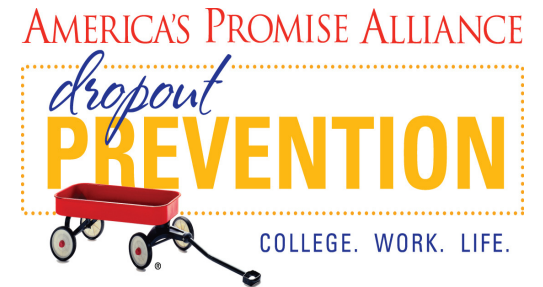
Current Graduation Rate:	60%
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Vision & Goal

Vision Statement:	All children and youth in southeastern Michigan graduate from high school prepared for life, work and postsecondary education.
10-Year Goal:	The 30 high schools in the region with dropout rates of 40% or higher will be transformed into small schools or learning communities graduating 80% of youth with an average ACT score of 18 within four years after entering 9th grade.

Initial Solutions

<u>Transforming Schools</u>	Phase I of the Greater Detroit Education Venture Funds will provide financial support to help up to six poorly-performing high schools with an average of 1,700 students in each into small, great ones by Fall 2009.
<u>Supporting Students</u>	Superintendents and key stakeholders will work with turnaround experts such as Institute for Student Achievement, First Things First, and EdWorks during 10-month planning process to transform schools.
<u>Developing Effective Policies</u>	The Greater Detroit Education Venture Fund is aligned with Governor Graholt's 21st Century Schools Fund that will use up to \$300 million to help Michigan school districts replace large, impersonal high schools that have low academic achievement and high dropout rates, with small high schools that use strong personal relationships, consistent discipline, and real-world relevance to help at-risk students achieve high academic goals.
<u>Employing Data Systems</u>	Evaluation experts will act as consultants to monitor academic progress and to work with key staff within pilot schools to get data on school performance, student retention, and graduation rates.



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	Getting Organized		Knowledge Building		Action Planning		Building Public Will		Sustaining Momentum	
	Activities	Benchmarks	Activities	Benchmarks	Activities	Benchmarks	Activities	Benchmarks	Activities	Benchmarks
Done Pre- or During Summit	Summit planning team held weekly meetings to plan April 24 and 25, 2008 Dropout Prevention Summit and Retreat	Galvanize support and build community will to develop strategies to reduce the region's dropout rate	Developing partnership with key stakeholders	Union, principals, superintendents, and community leaders are aware of Summit	School team provide feedback and input at Summit on how to reduce dropout rates	School teams continue working on dropout issue beyond Summit	Young speak at Summit about why they dropout of high school	Governor Jennifer Granhom, Union President, David Hecker, State Superintendent Flanigan, Superintendent Connie Calloway	Announce the establishment of the Greater Detroit Education Venture Fund	Provide resource information and research data at www.oned.org
0-3 Months After Summit	Development of the Greater Detroit Education Venture Fund (GDEVF)	Substantial progress made in raising dollars towards \$10M goal to help turnaround the 30 schools identified as dropout factories	Meetings with potential funders arranged to share information on dropout crisis and to get their donations for the GDEVF	Union, principals, superintendents, and community leaders that attended April Summit take leadership for reducing dropout	\$4M raised to begin Phase one of turnaround school efforts	Draft of Turnaround School Proposal developed	Individuals contact UWSEM to hear more about GDEVF	More interest expressed from individuals who wish to work on dropout rate to provide leads for GDEVF contributions	Grants researched to provide more funding options for GDEVF	Resource development staff at United Way work on GDEVF efforts
4-6 Months After Summit	Hosted conversations with intermediaries on Aug. 4 and 5 for school teams interested in developing small schools.	Superintendents express their intent to transform schools as a result of hearing best practice and support from their districts	School leaders meet separately with intermediaries	3-10 Turnaround School Proposal Applications submitted for consideration by September 12	GDEVF governing body convene to make funding decisions	Up to six school selected in phase one of turnaround efforts			Schools not selected sign up to get more information about Phase II	
7-12 Months After Summit	Phase one pilot schools are engaged in 10-month planning process to transform large schools into small ones	Up to six schools are networking to share best practices as they gear up to open smalls schools in Fall 2009	Planning Phase continue	Progress on plan with intermediaries shared with key stakeholders	New schools announced and open	High interested from parents who want their students to attend new schools			Summit planning for 2009 begins	

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2 Years After Summit	New human capital is attracted to the region by incentivizing national models with proven results	Collaborations established with partners such as Teach for America, New Leaders for Schools, College Summit								
5 Years After Summit	Youth attended small school will have first graduating class of 2013	80% of graduating seniors will score 18 or higher on ACT and be ready for life, work, and post secondary education.	Youth surveys conducted	Report to community developed						
10 Years After Summit	Proven best practice model established in the region to bring school turnaround efforts to full scale and implementation	30 schools identified as dropout factory are in transformed or going through transformation into small successful high schools								

How can the America's Promise Alliance best support you in your dropout prevention work? America's Promise Alliance can lead the efforts in providing credible research data on the dropout issue. In addition, AP can help reach out to national partners such as Teach for America to help garner their support in the southeastern Michigan region.

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