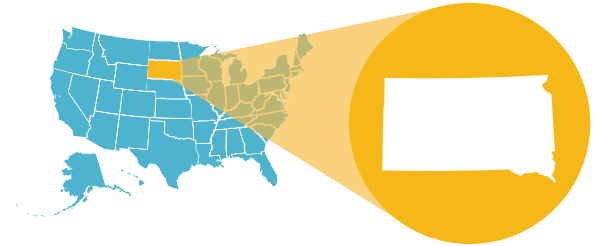


# THE ECONOMIC BENEFITS

## OF INCREASING THE High School Graduation Rate for Public School Students

### WHAT IF ...

**90%** of students from the Class of 2012 in South Dakota had earned a high school diploma?



**GOAL 90%** → **An increase of 2,200 graduates**

### THE BENEFITS WOULD BE HUGE



**\$21 million**  
in increased **annual earnings**



**150** new jobs



**\$16 million**  
in increased **annual spending**



**\$26 million**  
in increased annual **gross state product**



**\$32 million**  
in increased **home sales**  
**\$2.5 million**  
in increased **auto sales**



**\$3.2 million**  
in increased annual **federal tax revenue**  
**\$1.4 million**  
in increased annual **state/local tax revenues**

THE BEST ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE IS A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA.

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