ECONOMIC BENEFITS

OF INCREASING THE

High School Graduation Rate for Public School Students

WHAT IF ...

of students from the Class of 2012 in the Houma-Bayou Cane-Thibodaux, LA metro area had earned a high school diploma?



ACTUAL **64**%



GOAL 90%

An increase of 650 graduates

THE BENEFITS WOULD BE HUGE



\$3.7 million in increased annual earnings



20 new jobs



\$2.9 million in increased annual spending



\$4.3 million in increased annual gross regional product



\$7.5 million in increased home sales \$700,000

in increased auto sales



\$600,000
in increased annual federal tax revenue
\$200,000
in increased annual state/local tax revenues

THE BEST ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA

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