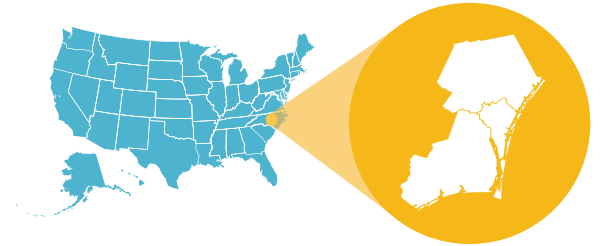


THE ECONOMIC BENEFITS

OF INCREASING THE High School Graduation Rate for Public School Students

WHAT IF ...

90% of students from the Class of 2012 in the Wilmington, NC metro area had earned a high school diploma?



GOAL 90% → **An increase of 750 graduates**

THE BENEFITS WOULD BE HUGE



\$11 million
in increased **annual earnings**



70 new jobs



\$8.2 million
in increased **annual spending**



\$13 million
in increased annual **gross regional product**



\$21 million
in increased **home sales**
\$1 million
in increased **auto sales**



\$1.7 million
in increased annual **federal tax revenue**
\$1 million
in increased annual **state/local tax revenues**

THE BEST ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE IS A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA.

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