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The Drop-Out Crisis

in Doña Ana County

**49% of students
don't graduate**

*Source: Annie E. Casey Foundation KIDS COUNT Data Center
2008 data*



The Drop-Out Crisis

National Statistics

Nationally:

1 dropout every 26 seconds

1.2 million dropouts/year



The Drop-Out Crisis

in Doña Ana County

Devastating impact on:

Students

Business

Community

Economy



Building Support for a Public-Private Partnership

Improving Education



To Prepare a Well-Qualified Workforce



For a Stronger Economic Future
for Doña Ana County



Building The Bridge

for Student Success

Mission:

To facilitate collaboration and leverage resources between public and private sectors to support educational excellence and optimize the county's workforce.



Building The Bridge

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Vision:

All students in Doña Ana County graduate with skills to compete in an international workforce.



Cross-Sector Leaders

at the Same Table to Solve the Same
Problem

A Unique Public-Private Partnership:

- Economic Development
- Business Sectors
- Government
- Education



Early Signs of Impact

New Mexico's First Early College High School

Benefits of Early College High School:

- 90% national graduation rate
- Utilizes best practices in education
- STEM curriculum prepares students for growing industries in the county
- Earn HS diploma/2-year college degree



Early Signs of Impact

New Mexico's First Early College High School

Celebrating Student Success:

- 116 students - majority are first generation college attenders
- Not one drop out
- 34% first quarter perfect attendance
- 14% first quarter “Straight A’s”



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New Mexico's First Early College High School

Celebrating Student Success:

- 100% passed first Dual Credit Course
- Entering BEST Robotics Competition



Economic Impacts

New Mexico's First Early College High School

ECCHS vs. Comprehensive HS

Construction:

\$18 million vs. \$110 million

Student Population:

500 vs. 2,000

Cost Per Student Savings:

16% (\$42 million)



Economic Impacts

New Mexico's First Early College High School

ECHS vs. Comprehensive HS

Avg. Drop-Out Rates:

10% vs. 30%

Loss in District Funds:

\$81,600 vs. \$4.352 million



Economic Impacts

New Mexico's First Early College High School

- **Eliminates Need for Remedial Courses**
- **Innovative Finance Structure:**
 - Six-Year Lease
 - Interest-Only Payments
 - No Payments During Construction
 - Purchase Outright with Future Bonds



Early Signs of Impact

Dual Credit Courses on the Rise

“One of the most effective policy tools for student retention in high school, increased high school graduation rates, and preparation for college.”

NM Higher Education Dept.

65% of DC students didn't take remediation courses.



Early Signs of Impact

Dual Credit Students on the Rise

Fall 2007:	246	Spring 2008:	305
Fall 2008:	326	Spring 2008:	359
Fall 2009:	356	Spring 2010:	412
Fall 2010:	492		

Courses at both DACC and NMSU



Cost of Remediation

Paying for the Same Education Twice

Annual Costs:

- National: \$3.7 billion
(\$1.4 billion for recent HS grads)
- New Mexico: \$32 million

Predictor of College Dropout:

- 42% more likely to drop out
- 17% complete BA/BS in 8 years



Connecting Government

Policies That Promote Success **2011 Legislative Priorities:**

- Dual Credit Funding
- Eliminate Bureaucracy, Maximize Efficiencies, Increase Effectiveness
- Seamless Transition Between Institutions
- Promote Collaboration



Connecting Government

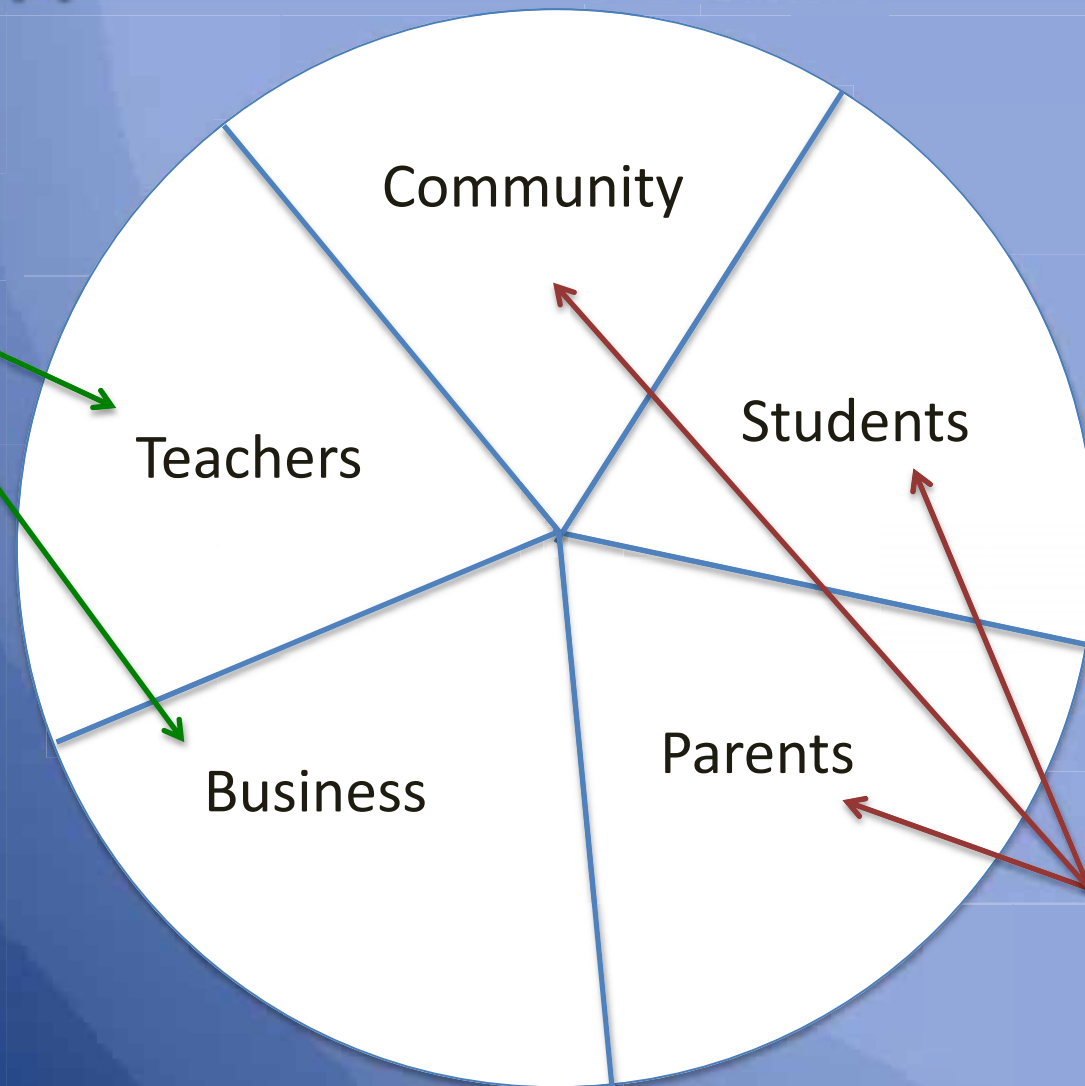
Policies That Promote Success **2011 Legislative Priorities:**

- Focus on Quality of Graduates
- Eliminate Tuition Credit
- Continue to Support the Mission of Community Colleges



Creating a Community of Mentors to Support Students in Doña Ana County

The Bridge



Hispanic
Education
Initiative

Building Collaboration

Connecting Mission-Related Efforts

Participating in Simultaneous Initiatives:

- Hispanic Education Initiative
- GLCCC Education Committee
- Hispano Chamber Education Committee
- Southern STEM Network Hub
- WorkKeys



Economic Impacts

Cutting Doña Ana County's Drop-Out Rate in Half

Increase in Annual Earnings:

\$3,313,046 if graduate high school

\$12,828,244 if graduate college

Increase in Disposable Income

\$3,018,184 if graduate high school

\$11,673,702 if graduate college



Economic Impacts

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Increase in Home Values

\$66,375,474 increase in home values

*High School Graduates Can Afford
Twice the Home a Drop-Out Can*

\$529,474 in automobile sales



Economic Impacts

Cutting Doña Ana County's Drop-Out Rate in
Half

Increase in Annual Tax Revenue:

\$361,122 - Federal

\$212,034 - State

Increase In Human Capital

184 more students in college



Connecting Business

Building a Network of Support

Supporting Youth Through:

Mentoring

Internships

Involvement

Investment



