



# “Delivering on the Promise” Update for Staff/Curriculum Development Network

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# Background Information

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Graduation rates are improving for most groups of students, and yet too many students still do not graduate from high school.

- **Purposes of the Summit:**

- To increase public awareness of school engagement, dropout prevention, and college-readiness;
- To secure commitment for integrated collaboration between corporate, nonprofit, public and education sectors; and
- To provide a forum to discuss and recommend policy changes.

- **Events at the October 10, 2008 Summit at Nazareth College, Rochester**

- **Speakers included:** Governor David Paterson, Dr. Pedro Noguera (Keynote), Chancellor Bennett, Commissioner Mills, and Dr. Jean-Claude Brizard (Rochester CSD, Superintendent).
- **Breakout groups** met to discuss the America's Promise Alliance 5 Promises: Caring Adults, Safe Places, A Healthy Start, Opportunities to Help Others, and Effective Education. Students participated in these groups.
- **Regional groups** created draft action plans and recommendations for policy changes. The recommendations were given to Governor Paterson.



# What was Produced?/Current Status

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## ■ What was Produced?

- Regional groups finalized and began implementation of their action plans. Each of the Big Five districts held or will hold additional dropout prevention summits.
- The Statewide Organization Work Group finalized action plans and formed 14 focused work groups (ex: After School Programs and Services, Credit Recovery, Partnership in Student Engagement). Work groups shared the products of their work at a meeting on 9/11/09.

## ■ Current Status:

- Regional teleconferences continue to keep regions informed of each other's work, and aid in the dissemination of best practices and strategies.
- The Statewide Organizations Work Group will meet again on October 6, 2009 to discuss steps going forward.



# Delivering on the Promise (next steps)

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- A briefing paper is being prepared by the core planning committee to fulfill the promise of an annual follow-up to the Governor's Summit on October 10, 2008. The paper will include:
  - what was produced at the summit and post-summit,
  - current status (regional and statewide organizations work), and
  - moving forward (what we've learned, challenges, and what still needs to be done).
- The final written report will be disseminated to Governor Paterson, the Legislature, the Board of Regents, Commissioners of New York State, District Superintendents, Big 5 Cities, Children's Cabinet, and other relative networks such as SSSN, S/CDN, etc.
- The report is targeted for a November 2009 release date, via a video conference, a webcast, or a Public Service Announcement.

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# Resources / How can you help?



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- Continue the regional work that focuses on student engagement;
- Help disseminate the briefing paper when it is released;
- Visit and share the following websites :
  - <http://www.americaspromise.org/> (*List of summits includes links to resources*)
  - <http://www.nystatesummit.com> (*"Resources and links" is very helpful*)
  - <http://www.dropoutprevention.org/> (*National Dropout Prevention Center-Model Programs Database is useful*)

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