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# Destination: Graduation

**Dallas City Council  
Quality of Life Committee**

**9-27-05**

# Costs of Not Graduating

## To Individual & Family

- Better job, higher earning power
- Better housing, health care, safety, etc.
- Higher quality of life

## To the Community

- Higher unemployment rate
- Higher incarceration rate
- Higher need for support programs

## Opportunity Costs

- Contribution to tax base
- Contribution to community life
- Quality of life of the community

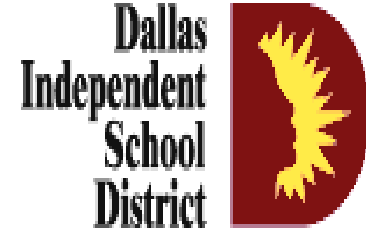
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## Partnership

- United Way
- DISD
- Corporate/Individual Donors



## Goals

- Keep youth in high school
- Get youth into higher education

## Process

- Programs provided by non-profit agencies
- Both UW and Non-UW agencies
- Grant process based on UW model

# *United Way: Model*

## **Student Retention**

**Parental Involvement**

**College Preparation**

**Mentoring**

# Customize by High School

## Process

- Involve high school staff
- Customize mix of 3 strategies
- Customize targets



## Measurements

- Attendance
- Grades
- Movement to next grade with their class
- Taking AP classes
- Taking PSAT/SAT, Score
- Plans for education beyond high school

# Samuell High School Review Committee

- **Asst. Principal, Samuell**
- **Lead Counselor, Samuell**
- **DISD Staff, Student Services**
- **2 DISD Staff, Dropout Prevention**
- **2 TI, Community Relations**
- **3 UW, Community Investment**



# Samuell High School

TI (100K): Pleasant Grove

**9**

**10**

**11**

**12**

**Dallas  
Concilio**

**Princeton  
Review**

**BB/BS**

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# Partners / Policy Committee

## Chambers of Commerce

- Greater Dallas
- Black
- Hispanic

Dallas  
Independent  
School  
District



## Higher Ed

- Dallas County Community College District
- University of Texas at Dallas

## Corporate Funder

- Texas Instruments



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# Future Plans



- **\$200,000 per School**
- **3 Schools in 2006-7**
- **Distributed throughout the city**