Destination: Graduation

Dallas City Council
Quality of Life Committee
10-10-05
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
Destination: Graduation

**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

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Partners / Policy Committee

Chambers of Commerce
- Greater Dallas
- Black
- Hispanic

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

Corporate Funder
- Texas Instruments
Future Plans

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