

# BOOSTING THE ECONOMY

by Increasing High School Graduation Rates



The best economic stimulus package is a high school diploma. Addressing the high school dropout crisis is a key strategy for economic growth.

**NATIONALLY**  
**1.3 MILLION**  
students dropped out of  
**THE CLASS OF 2010.**



**GRADUATING HALF**  
**OF THOSE STUDENTS, OR**  
**650,000**  
would yield the following  
**ECONOMIC BENEFITS:**

All of this increased economic activity would yield an additional  
**\$713 MILLION IN ADDITIONAL**  
**STATE TAX REVENUE.**

Collectively these "new graduates" would  
**EARN \$7.6 BILLION IN ADDITIONAL**  
**EARNINGS**  
per year compared to their  
**LIKELY EARNINGS WITHOUT A DIPLOMA.**

This additional spending and investment would be enough  
**TO SUPPORT 54,000**  
**NEW JOBS**  
**AND INCREASE THE GDP**  
by **\$9.6 billion.**

This additional income would  
**ALLOW THEM TO INCREASE**  
**SPENDING**  
by an additional **\$5.6 billion** and  
**INVESTMENT**  
by an additional **\$2 billion** each year.