

Promise Updates

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This is the third installment of Promise Updates, a monthly summary of information, research, and news coverage dealing with the Kalamazoo Promise or one of the many other related reforms across the country. If you have suggestions about items to add to the list or ideas about how we can improve this service, you can e-mail us at Promiseupdates@gmail.com. The current Promise Updates covers a selection of items from February 2010. An archive of the Promise Updates is available on our K Promise Evaluation website: <http://www.wmich.edu/kpromise>

NEW WORKING PAPER

- We have a new working paper on our website.
- The topic is “The Impact of the Kalamazoo Promise on School Climate”

http://www.wmich.edu/kpromise/documents/WorkingPaper7_school_climate.pdf

OTHER PROMISE RELATED PROGRAMS

DETROIT COLLEGE PROMISE (Detroit, Michigan)

DETROIT NEWSLETTER UPDATE

- Detroit College Promise has a new newsletter for February 2010.

<http://www.detroitcollegepromise.com/index.php>

DENVER SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION (Denver, Colorado)

DPS: MORE ON TRACK SUCCESS 2/2/10

- There are indicators to show improvement including attendance, AP courses, and graduates to-be.

<http://www.ednewscolorado.org/2010/02/02/dps-more-on-track-to-success/>

MUSKEGON OPPORTUNITY (Muskegon, Michigan)

EDITORIAL: EDUCATION THAT WORKS 2/21/10

- Muskegon Opportunity highly benefits the community, and the education in the community.

http://www.mlive.com/opinion/muskegon/index.ssf/2010/02/editorial_education_that_works.html

NEWSMAKER: MARISSA HIGGS OF MUSKEGON OPPORTUNITY 2/15/10

- Recently named new program coordinator.

http://www.mlive.com/news/muskegon/index.ssf/2010/02/newsmaker_marissa_higgs_of_mus.html

PEORIA PROMISE (Peoria, Illinois)

PEORIA PROMISE IS WORKING 2/10/10

- More than 500 students have taken this Promise, and the Promise hopes to raise \$1 million this year.

<http://centralillinoisproud.com/content/fulltext/?cid=98362>

PEORIA PROMISE KICKS OFF FUND DRIVE 2/10/10

- \$440,000 has been raised out of the \$1 million goal.

<http://www.pjstar.com/news/x1328932594/Ardis-calls-for-more-fundraising-for-Peoria-Promise>

PEORIA PROMISE VOWS TO STRENGTHEN ECONOMY THROUGH SCHOLARSHIPS 2/10/10

- Peoria Promise will not only benefit education, but economy as well, as graduates of higher education will remain in Peoria.

<http://www.centralillinoisnewscenter.com/news/local/84043797.html>

ICC ENJOYING RECORD GROWTH 2/9/10

- Illinois Community College has a high percentage in growth of attendance, partially due to the Peoria Promise.

<http://www.pjstar.com/news/x210267098/ICC-enjoying-record-growth>

PITTSBURGH PROMISE (Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania)

KINDERGARTNERS SHOW PROMISE FOR CITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM 2/7/10

- Enrollment for kindergartners rose by two percent this year in the Pittsburgh Public Schools.

http://www.pittsburghlive.com/x/pittsburghtrib/news/s_666085.html

VALLEY-BOUND COMMITMENT PROGRAM (San Bernardino Valley, California)

**SOME STUDENTS ARE GOING TO COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOR FREE
1/29/10**

- Valley-Bound Commitment program was implemented for graduating high school class of 2008.
- San Manuel Band of Mission Indians were primary donors for this year and the next.

http://www.pe.com/localnews/k12/stories/PE_News_Local_N_nbound30_3d58288.html

JACKSON LEGACY PROGRAM (Jackson, Michigan)

**JIM SANDY IS NEW CEO AND PRESIDENT OF THE JACKSON
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION 2/1/10**

- Sandy has a goal to connect with the community and educate about the foundation.

http://www.mlive.com/news/jackson/index.ssf/2010/02/jim_sandy_is_new_ceo_and_presi.html

RELATED NEWS

**MICHIGAN INVESTS \$250,000 FOR COLLEGE ACCESS PLANNING AND
STARTUP GRANTS 2/15/10**

- 17 communities in Michigan will receive grants to help with education.
- List of communities included in article.

http://thegovmonitor.com/world_news/united_states/michigan-invests-250000-for-college-access-planning-and-startup-grants-24002.html