

Promise Updates

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This is the eight installment of Promise Updates, a monthly summary of information, research, and news coverage dealing with the Kalamazoo Promise or one of the 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 July and August 2010. An archive of the Promise Updates is available on our K Promise Evaluation website: <http://www.wmich.edu/kpromise>

KALAMAZOO PROMISE

PICKING PRIVATE OVER PUBLIC: FAMILIES WILLING TO SACRIFICE FOR CHILDREN'S EDUCATION 8/12/10

- Private school enrollment decreased in the last few years for several reasons, including the creation of the Kalamazoo Promise.

<http://www.windows-top.org/news/promise-keeping-in-kalamazoo/>

LETTERS: 'GRATEFUL FOR EDUCATION CHILDREN RECEIVED, HAPPY TO PAY IT BACK' AND MORE 7/8/10

- Personal gratitude.

http://www.mlive.com/opinion/kalamazoo/index.ssf/2010/07/letters_grateful_for_education.html

EI DORADO PROMISE (El Dorado, AR.): PROMISE BACKPACKS PRESENTED 8/20/10

- El Dorado Promise backpacks presented to elementary schools: 'My future is in the bag'.

<http://www.eldoradonews.com/news/localnews/2010/08/20/promise-backpacks-presented-5.php>

OTHER PROMISE RELATED PROGRAMS

FORMER EHS STUDENT FIRST PROMISE GRADUATE 8/13/10

- Personal success story due to the El Dorado Promise.

<http://www.eldoradonews.com/news/localnews/2010/08/13/former-ehs-student-first-promise-graduat-44.php>

DENVER SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION (Denver, CO.)

DPS HAS 350 MORE GRADUATES IN 2010 THAN PREVIOUS YEARS 8/4/10

- Students taking advanced placement classes has doubled.
- Students graduating have a 12 percentage increase from 2009.

http://www.denverpost.com/ci_15671503?IADID=Search-www.denverpost.com-www.denverpost.com

PITTSBURGH PROMISE (Pittsburgh, PA.)

PITTSBURGH PUBLIC SCHOOLS APPROVE REALIGNMENT PLAN 8/25/10

- A realignment plan has been approved, which entails the creation of two single gender academies.
- To increase enrollment the Pittsburgh Promise will be available in the district.

<http://www.thepittsburghchannel.com/news/24757997/detail.html>

PITTSBURGH PROMISE TO RAISE SCHOLARSHIPS 7/8/10

- If 1 percent is raised of college educated residents, the community could gain 1.8 billion dollars, according to a local study.

http://www.newpittsburghcourieronline.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=2486:pittsburgh-promise-to-raise-scholarships&catid=38:metro&Itemid=27

OTHER PROMISE RELATED PROGRAMS

DETROIT COLLEGE PROMISE (Detroit, MI.)

MAKING THE GRADE 8/24/10

- Scholarship with the Detroit Public Schools.

<http://wwj.cbslocal.com/tag/detroit-college-promise/>

DETROIT COLLEGE PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP FOR DPS STUDENTS! 8/19/10

- The first city-wide campaign has been launched by the Detroit College Promise to have students enroll in the Detroit Public Schools.

<http://www.saveourchildrencoalition.org/news/detroit-college-promise-scholarship-for-dps-students-100.html>

REVIEW: THE DETROIT COLLEGE PROMISE 7/7/10

- Facts regarding the Detroit College Promise.

<http://www.freeismylife.com/2010/07/review-detroit-college-promise.html>

News for the Detroit College Promise has been released for July and August.

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

HOLLAND/ZEELAND FOUNDATION (Holland, MI.)

SMALLER MEASURES GROW OUT OF PROMISE MOMENTUM 7/27/10

- Holland has lost momentum for creating the Holland Promise, however there are other changes which have occurred.

OTHER PROMISE RELATED PROGRAMS

<http://www.hollandsentinel.com/newsnow/x2132803972/Smaller-measures-grow-out-of-promise-momentum>

JACKSON PROMISE ZONE (Jackson, MI.)

JACKSON PROMISE ZONE COULD STILL BE YEARS AWAY FOR JPS STUDENTS 8/24/10

- The Jackson Promise Zone is closer to starting fundraiser, but still years away.
- The Jackson Promise Zone will be using state and private dollars for this scholarship.

http://www.mlive.com/news/jackson/index.ssf/2010/08/jackson_promise_zone_scholarsh.html

GOLF OUTING TO SUPPORT JACKSON LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM EXCEEDS FUNDRAISING GOAL OF \$25,000 7/24/10

- The Ladies of Legacy Golf Committee raised \$28,000 this year at the golf outing.

http://www.mlive.com/news/jackson/index.ssf/2010/07/golf_outing_to_support_jackson.html

MUSKEGON OPPORTUNITY (Muskegon, MI.)

HIGH SCHOOL MENTOR TRAINING OFFERED 8/10

- Muskegon Opportunity offered mentor training to help Juniors prepare for post-secondary education.

<http://www.unitedwaylakeshore.org/news/101-high-school-mentor-training-offered&post=1>

OTHER PROMISE RELATED PROGRAMS

Related Articles:

http://www.mlive.com/news/muskegon/index.ssf/2010/08/muskegon_community_college_off_1.html

PROMISE ZONES (MI.)

PROMISE ZONES' PAID COLLEGE TUITIONS CAN BENEFIT COMMUNITIES 7/15/10

- There is hope for the Promise Zones to be successful in communities.

<http://www.macombdaily.com/articles/2010/07/15/opinion/srv0000008828582.txt>

PEORIA PROMISE (Peoria, IL.)

DINE OUT FOR THE PROMISE OFF 8/9/10

- Several restaurants donated a percentage of their sales to the Promise.

<http://www.centralillinoisnewscenter.com/news/local/Dine-Out-for-the-Promise-Kicks-Off--100316574.html>

PAR-A-DICE MAKES EDUCATION DONATIONS 7/19/10

- Par-A-Dice Hotel Casino donated \$25,000 to Peoria Promise and Peoria Charter School.

<http://www.pjstar.com/news/x550418837/Par-A-Dice-makes-education-donations>

PEORIA PROMISE STARTS TO REAP BENEFITS 8/10

- More than 20 graduates enrolled in the Peoria Promise have earned a degree from Illinois Central College this spring and summer.

<http://www.peoriamagazines.com/ibi/2010/aug/peoria-promise-starts-reap-benefits>

OTHER PROMISE RELATED PROGRAMS

ROCKFORD PROMISE (Rockford, IL.)

MORRISSEY PUTS EDUCATION IN SPOTLIGHT AT MAYOR'S LUNCHEON 8/12/10

- Morrissey discusses Alignment Rockford, the program that focuses to gain support for the Rockford Promise.

<http://www.rrstar.com/carousel/x905706871/Morrissey-addresses-Chamber-of-Commerce-at-annual-luncheon-today>

TENTATIVE PLANNING

SHOULD WE MAKE A PROMISE TO OUR STUDENTS? 8/28/10

- Instructor at Central Piedmont Community College suggests to create Promise for students in Charlotte after seeing positive effects of the Kalamazoo Promise or other Promise related scholarships.

http://www.everydaycitizen.com/2010/08/should_charlotte_make_a_promis.html

A LESSON IN KALAMAZOO'S 'PROMISE' 8/14/10

- After viewing positive effects of the Kalamazoo Promise, suggestion to create the Milwaukee Promise.

<http://www.jsonline.com/news/opinion/100656234.html>

COULD KALAMAZOO PROMISE WORK IN NEWPORT NEWS? 8/10/10

- Robert Killebrew and city administration are trying to bring the Kalamazoo Promise to Newport News.

http://articles.dailypress.com/2010-08-10/news/dp-nws-nncouncil-20100810_1_kalamazoo-promise-city-manager-neil-morgan-newport-news

THE LINK BETWEEN EDUCATION AND ECONOMICAL DEVELOPMENT
7/25/10

- Effects education has on economic progress.

<http://www.dolanmedia.com/view.cfm?recID=614967>