

Promise Updates

10/29/10

This is the tenth 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 October 2010. An archive of the Promise Updates is available on our Kalamazoo Promise Evaluation website: <http://www.wmich.edu/kpromise>

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KALAMAZOO PROMISE

KALAMAZOO: A PROMISING PLACE TO DO BUSINESS 10/18/10

- Personal success story due to the Promise.
<http://www.prweb.com/releases/Midlink/BusinessPark/prweb4661264.htm>

EDITORIAL: THE GOOD OF THE PROMISE EXTENDS FAR BEYOND KALAMAZOO 10/12/10

- The Kalamazoo Promise has not affected those in Kalamazoo, but also other communities; as many communities have adapted Promise-related scholarships.
http://www.mlive.com/opinion/kalamazoo/index.ssf/2010/10/editorial_the_good_of_the_prom.html

KALAMAZOO PUBLIC SCHOOLS SETS DISTRICT-WIDE HOMEWORK POLICY 10/10/10

- In order to create a college going culture, the district set a new policy to teachers to assign 10 minutes of nightly homework for kindergartners and first-graders and keep adding 10 minutes of homework with each higher grade level.
http://www.mlive.com/news/kalamazoo/index.ssf/2010/10/kalamazoo_public_schools_sets_1.html

**KALAMAZOO PUBLIC SCHOOLS ENROLLMENT CONTINUES TO CLIMB:
STUDENT HEAD COUNT UP AT 11 OF 35 AREA DISTRICTS 10/1/10**

- There are over 2,000 students since the announcement of the Promise in 2005.
http://www.mlive.com/news/kalamazoo/index.ssf/2010/10/kalamazoo_public_schools_enrol.html

Related Articles: <http://mbmiller22.wordpress.com/2010/10/11/kps-enrollment-has-grown-by-20-since-promise-was-announced/>

KALAMAZOO PROMISE COULD HELP QUAD CITY POTENTIAL 10/1/10

- The Kalamazoo Promise is the basis for Kalamazoo's success in battling the high unemployment rates.
- Quad Cities has used the Kalamazoo Promise as a case study.
<http://www.whotv.com/wqad-kalamazoo-guest-speaker-100110,0,5161180.story>

OTHER PROMISE RELATED PROGRAMS

PITTSBURGH PROMISE (Pittsburgh, PA.)

CONTEST WANTS STUDENTS TO THINK ABOUT CITY'S FUTURE

- Pittsburgh Mayor announced a contest for high school students to write an essay or make a video about ways to give back to the community and ways to improve the city's future.

<http://www.post-gazette.com/pg/10291/1096236-100.stm>

Related Articles: <http://education.tmcnet.com/news/2010/10/18/5075728.htm>

http://pittsburghlive.com/x/pittsburghtrib/news/breaking/s_704910.html

<http://www.tmcnet.com/usubmit/2010/10/18/5075728.htm>

DETROIT COLLEGE PROMISE (Detroit, MI.)

DPS OPENS COLLEGE 'PROMISE' PROGRAM TO ALL STUDENTS 10/5/10

- The Detroit College Promise has opened up the scholarship to all students beginning with the class of 2011.

<http://www.clickondetroit.com/education/25289345/detail.html>

Related Articles:

http://www.detnews.com/article/20101006/SCHOOLS/10060366/1026/SCHOOL_S/Detroit-College-Promise-scholarship-program-expands

News for the Detroit College Promise has been released for October.

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

MUSKEGON OPPORTUNITY (Muskegon, MI.)

**WHITE LAKE AREA COMMUNITY EDUCATION HONORED WITH AWARD
AT ANNUAL CONFERENCE 10/21/10**

- White Lake Area Community Education, an adopter of the Muskegon Opportunity, was honored Innovative Program of the Year.
<http://whitehallmontague.wzzm13.com/content/white-lake-area-community-education-honored-award-annual-conference>

PEORIA PROMISE (Peoria, IL.)

**MICHAEL ISRAEL EVENT TO BENEFIT PEORIA SCHOLARSHIP
INITIATIVE 10/16/10**

- The annual gala fundraiser was held by the Peoria Promise.
- The entertainment was provided by artist and entertainer Michael Israel.
<http://www.pjstar.com/entertainment/x171129289/Event-featuring-Michael-Israel-to-benefit-Peoria-scholarship-initiative>