



Creating a Community-wide Strategy to Combat the Drop-out Crisis

Summit Convener: City of Pittsburgh Mayor's Office

Summit Date/Location: November 12, 2009

YWCA of Greater Pittsburgh, 305 Wood Street (Downtown) Pittsburgh, 15222

Estimated Attendance (Capacity): 250

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**The 1- day summit will increase public awareness of the dropout and college/life-readiness crisis in Pittsburgh. As well as, become a starting point in the process of re-engaging dropouts/retaining youth on a path to graduation, involving community partners and ultimately linking youth to multiple education/employment opportunities and graduation.

- The summit will partner with the Multiple Education Pathways Blueprint project that is being executed by the Office of Mayor Luke Ravenstahl, Pittsburgh Public Schools, and Three Rivers Workforce Investment Board. The objective will be to incorporate the findings and recommendations of the project to address the drop-out issue at this summit.
- A national speaker **Bill Milliken** and a local speaker **Saleem Ghubril** will discuss how the epidemic affects the community from their perspective and add focus on truancy prevention and Graduation Success.
- The summit will be an opportunity for the Superintendent and Mayor to talk about the progress of the Pittsburgh Promise and the importance of being Promise Ready.
- Members of the Mayor's Youth Council will serve on the planning committee, create a Youth Task Force and Resource Guide for Youth, introduce the speakers at the summit, and serve as the hosts for the summit.
- Youth will participate on a panel to discuss personal experiences relating to the drop-out issue. The summit will also include a Perspectives Panel and will provide an in-depth view of the dropout crises from various sectors.
- The summit will include table breakout sessions: to create community- wide dropout prevention plan to combat the drop-out issue.
- The Summit will also feature: The Pittsburgh Opportunity Expo: showcasing the programs and resources available for the drop-out population, parents, and teachers. (featuring: organizations that offer resources to off-track students, teachers, parents/families)

Summit Planning Team:

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