

# GALVESTON PROMISE

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# Conditions in Galveston

## BEFORE Hurricane Ike

- ❑ Galveston was slowly losing population
- ❑ Enrollment in GISD was declining
- ❑ “Child-Raising Age” population was under-represented

## AFTER Hurricane Ike

- ❑ Galveston lost between 15,000 and 20,000 residents
- ❑ GISD lost over 1500 students (as of 2/16/09)
- ❑ Demographics of GISD and Galveston changed dramatically

# Goals of the Galveston Promise

- ❑ Recruit families to Galveston
- ❑ Increase GISD enrollment
- ❑ Raise GISD student and families expectations
- ❑ Attract businesses to the Galveston area

## Current State of GUSD (as of 2/16/09)

- ❑ 1,808 students lost (24% of enrollment)
- ❑ 1,541 available seats (at 78% capacity)
- ❑ 93% attendance rate
- ❑ Overall rating = ACCEPTABLE
  - ❑ Ball HS = UNACCEPTABLE
  - ❑ Austin MS = UNACCEPTABLE

# GISD Upcoming School Year Projections (as of 2/16/09)

- ❑ \$17 million decline in funding for upcoming school year
- ❑ 25% cut in work force anticipated for upcoming school year

# What can GUSD expect from the Galveston Promise?

- ❑ Enrollment increase of students altering the current decline
- ❑ The Kalamazoo Promise created a 10% increase in student population in 2006
- ❑ State funding increases
- ❑ Greater teacher recruiting pool

# Galveston Economic Information

- ❑ The Galveston Promise is an incentive for families to remain in Galveston or relocate to Galveston to be eligible to receive the benefits of the Galveston Promise.

# Economic Assets

- Additional financial resources for GISD
- Family savings can be made appropriated differently
- More stable housing market, including rising property values
- New housing construction and business investment
- Retention/attraction of middle-class leads to more income diversity in neighborhoods and schools
- Increasing population leads to increased tax revenues and broader tax base
- Economically and educationally vibrant city core

# Kalamazoo Promise Program Details

- Provides Kalamazoo Public Schools graduates with the opportunity to attend post –secondary education with up to a 100% tuition scholarship
- 1. All students who graduate from Kalamazoo Public Schools (KPS), are residing in the district, and have been KPS students four years or more. (Enrollment and residency must be continuous.)
- 2. Admitted to and enrolled at any public State of Michigan university or community college.
  - a. Make regular progress toward a degree or certification and must maintain a 2.0 GPA
  - b. Complete a minimum of 12 credit hours per semester.

# Kalamazoo Promise

- Extent of Benefit:

- Length of Attendance.....Benefit

K-12.....	100%
1-12.....	95%
2-12.....	95%
3-12.....	95%
4-12.....	90%
5-12 .....	85%
6-12.....	80%
7-12.....	75%
8-12.....	70%
9-12.....	65%
10-12.....	0%
11-12.....	0%
12.....	0%

# Results of Kalamazoo Promise

- ❑ Kalamazoo School District saw a 10% increase in enrollment
- ❑ State funding increased to \$7.5 million for the 2006-07 year
- ❑ Stronger teacher recruiting pool
- ❑ Two-thirds of the Kalamazoo Promise recipients attend **local** post secondary schools keeping money inside Kalamazoo

# Results of Kalamazoo Promise

- Job creation announcements cite high-quality education for their investment in Kalamazoo
- Expansion of tutoring, mentoring, and credit recovery programs
- 59,000 hours of volunteer services provided to students at Kalamazoo from 2007-08

# What is the Galveston Promise?

- For any long-term Galveston public high school graduate, tuition and mandatory fees at any Texas public college or university will be paid.
- To be eligible, students must make suitable progress towards graduation and, after admission to a Texas public college or university, maintain good standing.

# What can we expect from the Galveston Promise?

## Human Capital

- Increased rate of graduation and reduced dropout rate
- More equitable college attendance based on income and race
- Increased college attendance and matriculation rate
- Greater socioeconomic school integration
- Creation of highly-educated and better skilled local workforce

## Social Capital

- Increase in community pride and morale
- Higher rate of volunteer activity in schools and student support organizations
- Bringing in new philanthropic resources
- Higher social cohesion because of more educated residents

# Requirements for the Galveston Promise

Under the leadership of the Galveston P-16 Council private foundation and other non-governmental sources of funds will be sought to create an endowment that will perpetually support the Galveston Promise.

# Funding for the Galveston Promise

## Cost Estimate

- \$1,000,000 per year will be required to support the Promise.
- Endowment should be approximately \$20,000,000.

## Potential Resources

- Philanthropic organizations and private individuals
  - ▣ Ex. Gates Foundation

# Who is responsible for the Galveston Promise?

- Galveston P-16 Council
- The Council will take the leadership in submitting proposals to private foundations and individuals to obtain funds to create the Galveston Promise Endowment.
- The Council, working with the appropriate constituencies, will develop the necessary criteria for student eligibility for and continued support from the Galveston Promise.

# How is the Galveston Promise Implemented?

- ❑ Timeline
- ❑ Criteria specific to Galveston
- ❑ Ideas/Questions?