

# CIVIC MARSHALL PLAN TO BUILD A GRAD NATION

## 2012 INDEX

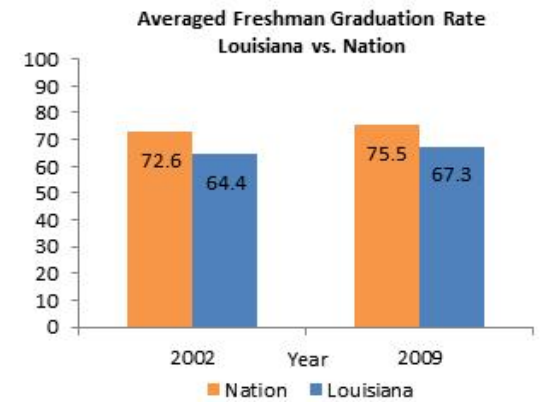
### WHERE DOES LOUISIANA STAND?

#### CONTEXT

**Poverty:** Louisiana ranks **3rd** in childhood poverty at **30.5** percent.

**College Education:** Louisiana ranks **41st** in college completion at **24.7** percent.

**Sources:** Poverty: Current Population Survey (joint effort of Bureau of Labor Statistics and Census Bureau)  
College Education: 2009 American Community Survey (Census Bureau)



#### PROGRESS

#### CHALLENGES

<b>I</b>	Average Freshman Graduation Rate (AFGR): Increased from <b>64.4</b> to <b>67.3</b> percent from 2002 to 2009 Average of <b>0.4</b> points per year	Needs to increase <b>2.1</b> points per year starting in 2009 to reach 90 percent by 2020
<b>II</b>	Class of 2009 had <b>1,536</b> more graduates than Class of 2002*	Class of 2020 needs <b>12,021</b> more graduates than Class of 2009* to reach 90 percent
<b>III</b>	<b>4</b> fewer dropout factories in 2010 than 2002	In 2010, there were <b>60</b> dropout factories. To reach 0 by 2016, <b>10</b> schools need to improve per year.
<b>IV</b>	<b>10,692</b> fewer students attended dropout factories in 2010 than 2002	<b>43,825</b> students still attend dropout factories in 2010
<b>V</b>	Percent of 4th graders testing at or above proficient in Reading (NAEP) increased from <b>20</b> percent to <b>23</b> percent, from 2003 to 2011	<b>46,198</b> 4th graders still not proficient in Reading
<b>VI</b>	Percent of 8th graders testing at or above proficient in Math (NAEP) increased from <b>17</b> percent to <b>22</b> percent, from 2003 to 2011	<b>41,198</b> 8th graders still not proficient in Math
<b>VII</b>	Students who took at least one AP exam during high school increased <b>9.9</b> percentage points, from <b>3.4</b> percent to <b>13.3</b> percent, from 2001 to 2011	Only <b>42.1</b> percent of test-takers scored at least one "3" or higher
<b>VIII</b>	This state has reported the new, four-year adjusted cohort graduation rate (ACGR) that is now required by the U.S. Department of Education (USDOE) and its rate for 2010 is <b>62.7</b> percent	All 50 states will not be reporting the new rate until after 2014

#### ECONOMIC BENEFITS

With a 90 percent graduation rate, the additional graduates could deliver an estimated **\$119 million** in increased annual earnings, **\$18 million** in increased annual state tax revenues, and an increase in the Gross State Product of **\$140 million**.

**Source:** Previously unpublished Alliance for Excellent Education analysis of data from Economic Modeling Specialists, Inc.