

# CIVIC MARSHALL PLAN TO BUILD A GRAD NATION

## 2015 INDEX

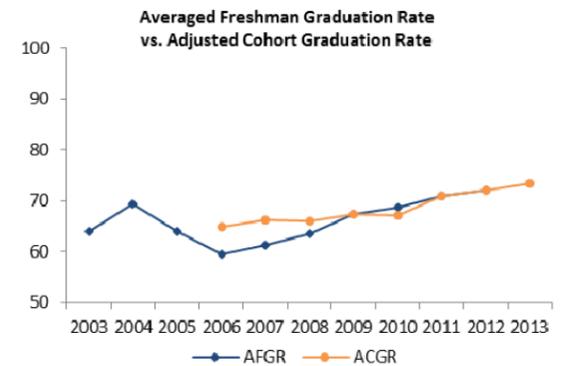
### WHERE DOES LOUISIANA STAND?

#### CONTEXT

**Poverty:** 43 states have lower childhood poverty rates than Louisiana, at 26.5 percent.

**College Education:** Louisiana has a higher proportion of college completion than 3 states at 20.4 percent.

**Sources:** Poverty: 2013 Current Population Survey (joint effort of Bureau of Labor Statistics and Census Bureau)  
College Education: 2013 American Community Survey (Census Bureau)



#### PROGRESS

#### CHALLENGES

<p><b>I</b> Adjusted Cohort Graduation Rate (ACGR): Louisiana increased 2.5 points from 71 percent in 2011 to 73.5 percent in 2013.</p>	<p>The ACGR for Louisiana needs to increase 2.36 points per year starting in 2013-2014 to reach 90 percent by 2020.</p>
<p><b>II</b> The Class of 2012-2013 had 33,794 graduates and the Class of 2010-2011 had 31,902 graduates.</p>	<p>The Class of 2020 needs 7,586 more graduates than the Class of 2012-2013 to reach 90 percent in this state.</p>
<p><b>III</b> 35 fewer dropout factories in 2013 than 2002.</p>	<p>In 2013, there were 29 dropout factories in Louisiana. To reach 0 by 2020, 4 schools need to improve per year.*</p> <p><small>*If the state has 7 or fewer dropout factories, 1 is assigned for 2013-2014.</small></p>
<p><b>IV</b> 35,814 fewer students attended dropout factories in 2013 than in 2002.</p>	<p>18,703 students still attend dropout factories in 2013.</p>
<p><b>V</b> 67.7 percent of low-income* students graduated high school on time in 2013.</p> <p><small>*In this context, low-income is defined as the percentage of students eligible for free- or reduced-price lunch.</small></p>	<p>79.9 percent of medium and high income students graduated high school on time in 2013, leaving an "opportunity" gap of 12.2 percentage points.</p>
<p><b>VI</b> Percent of 4th-graders testing at or above proficient in reading (NAEP) increased from 20 percent to 23 percent, from 2003 to 2013.</p>	<p>44,891 4th-graders still not proficient in reading.</p>
<p><b>VII</b> Percent of 8th-graders testing at or above proficient in math (NAEP) increased from 17 percent to 21 percent, from 2003 to 2013.</p>	<p>41,251 8th-graders still not proficient in math.</p>
<p><b>VIII</b> The number of students who took at least one AP exam during high school increased 11.1 percentage points, from 4.1 percent to 15.2 percent, from 2003 to 2013.</p>	<p>Only 22.3 percent of test-takers scored at least one "3" or higher.</p>

#### ECONOMIC BENEFITS

With a 90 percent graduation rate, the additional graduates could deliver an estimated **\$78 million** in increased annual earnings, **\$4.7 million** in increased annual state and local tax revenues, and an increase in the Gross State Product of **\$126 million**.

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