

# CIVIC MARSHALL PLAN TO BUILD A GRAD NATION

## 2015 INDEX

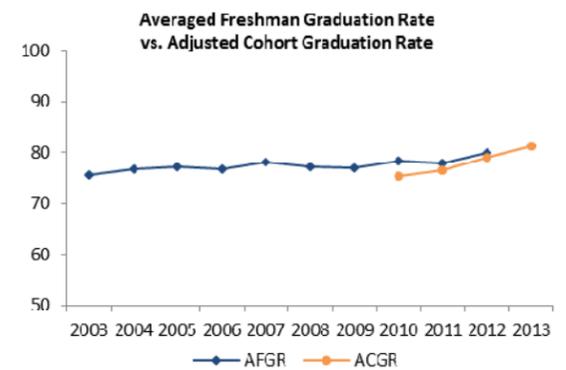
### WHERE DOES WEST VIRGINIA STAND?

#### CONTEXT

**Poverty:** 38 states have lower childhood poverty rates than West Virginia, at 23.3 percent.

**College Education:** West Virginia has a higher proportion of college completion than 0 states at 17.5 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): West Virginia increased 3.4 points from 78 percent in 2011 to 81.4 percent in 2013.</p>	<p>The ACGR for West Virginia needs to increase 1.23 points per year starting in 2013-2014 to reach 90 percent by 2020.</p>
<p><b>II</b> The Class of 2012-2013 had 16,845 graduates and the Class of 2010-2011 had 16,530 graduates.</p>	<p>The Class of 2020 needs 1,780 more graduates than the Class of 2012-2013 to reach 90 percent in this state.</p>
<p><b>III</b> 3 fewer dropout factories in 2013 than 2002.</p>	<p>In 2013, there were 3 dropout factories in West Virginia. To reach 0 by 2020, 1 school needs 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> 3,003 fewer students attended dropout factories in 2013 than in 2002.</p>	<p>2,430 students still attend dropout factories in 2013.</p>
<p><b>V</b> 73.7 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>91.3 percent of medium and high income students graduated high school on time in 2013, leaving an "opportunity" gap of 17.6 percentage points.</p>
<p><b>VI</b> Percent of 4th-graders testing at or above proficient in reading (NAEP) decreased from 29 percent to 27 percent, from 2003 to 2013.</p>	<p>15,146 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 20 percent to 24 percent, from 2003 to 2013.</p>	<p>15,791 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 10.8 percentage points, from 11.2 percent to 22 percent, from 2003 to 2013.</p>	<p>Only 22.2 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 **\$17 million** in increased annual earnings, **\$1.3 million** in increased annual state and local tax revenues, and an increase in the Gross State Product of **\$28 million**.

**Source:** Previously unpublished Alliance for Excellent Education analysis of data from Economic Modeling Specialists, Inc.