

REACH HIGHER COMMITMENTS MASSACHUSETTS FALL 2014

SAMPLE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Commitment	Impact	Date accomplished	Persons Responsible	How will we measure
To budget for 5 new high school counselor positions to reduce caseload size in each of the five high schools in the district	1400 students	September 2015	Superintendent	Post secondary rates before and after hiring new counselors
To enter into a partnership with local school counseling graduate preparation programs to only place school counselor interns in our school sites who have received appropriate graduate school training in career and college readiness skills	15,000 every year	September 2015	School Counseling Director, Principals & Superintendent	Post-secondary rates before and after intern placements
To only hire future school counselors who have completed significant graduate coursework in college admission counseling and post-secondary training opportunities.	7500 students annually	September 2015	School Counseling Director, Principals & Superintendent	Post-secondary rates before and after hiring new counselors
To improve the college going rate from current 63% to 83%	50 students annually	June 2017	School Counselors & School Counseling Director	College going rates
To take all high school juniors to the local NACAC National College Fair	250 juniors	March 2015	School counselors	College application rates pre class of 2016 and post 2016
To provide district funding for all juniors who choose to take the PSAT and/or ACT practice test	500 students annually	September 2015	School counselors	College application and admission rates pre class of 2016 and post 2016
To change the AP enrollment policy that removes the teacher recommendation requirement and mandates all students who enroll in an AP course to take the AP exam	500 students annually	September 2015	School counselors, Principal, Faculty	AP Exam course taking enrollment and test scores

MASSACHUSETTS SCHOOL COUNSELOR ASSOCIATION (MASCA)

Commitment	Impact	Date accomplished	Persons Responsible	How will we measure
Will provide free full day college admission access and financial aid training workshops in four statewide locations	125 counselors at each workshop	May 2015	MASCA Professional Development Committee	Pre & Posttest
Will enhance the MASCA website with a specific section on college going readiness resources and information	100 unique views per month	May 2015	MASCA Webmaster & Professional Development Committee	Page views and counselor content knowledge
Will collaborate with NEACAC to provide all 14 Massachusetts school counselor preparation programs with a school counselor toolkit which will emphasize college admission skills that school counselors must possess.	500 graduate students per year	January 2015	NEACAC & MASCA Professional Development Committees	Graduate students and newly hired counselors will have consistent literature and resources to help students navigate the college admission process.

SAMPLE UNIVERSITY

Commitment	Impact	Date accomplished	Persons Responsible	How will we measure
To create a new graduate course in college admission counseling that will be required of all school counseling graduate students regardless of desired certification level	40 graduate students yearly	January 2016	University School Counseling graduate faculty members	Job placement rates for alumni who received such training and those who did not
To coordinate a near-peer program for prospective freshmen students to assist in the transition to college	1400 students	September 2015	University Admission office	Post secondary rates before and hiring new counselors

STATE AGENCY

Commitment	Impact	Date accomplished	Persons Responsible	How will we measure
To mandate all high school graduates have an individual learning/career plan	80,000 students	June 2016	State Agency Director	Plan completion rates

COLLEGE ACCESS ORGANIZATION

Commitment	Impact	Date accomplished	Persons Responsible	How will we measure
To offer free FAFSA completion assistance to 10 additional high schools that are not currently involved with the FAFSA Completion project	20 students in each high school = total 200 students	February 2015	College Access Executive Director	Improved FAFSA completion rates