THE ECONOMIC BENEFITS OF INCREASING THE High School Graduation Rate for Public School Students

WHAT IF ...

90% of students from the Class of 2012 in North Carolina had earned a high school diploma?

ACTUAL 68%

GOAL 90%

An increase of 28,000 graduates

THE BENEFITS WOULD BE HUGE

$333 million in increased annual earnings

2,950 new jobs

$246 million in increased annual spending

$444 million in increased annual gross state product

$654 million in increased home sales

$34 million in increased auto sales

$51 million in increased annual federal tax revenue

$34 million in increased annual state/local tax revenues

THE BEST ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE IS A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA.