PUBLIC LIBRARIES ARE HELPING TO SOLVE THE DROPOUT CRISIS

32 MILLION AMERICANS OR 13% OF THE POPULATION AGED 18 AND OLDER ARE WITHOUT A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA

HIGH SCHOOL DROPOUTS ARE MORE LIKELY TO:
- LIVE IN POVERTY
- BE UNEMPLOYED
- GO TO PRISON
- BE A BURDEN ON TAXPAYERS

PUBLIC LIBRARIES ARE GRADUATING ADULTS THROUGH CAREER ONLINE HIGH SCHOOL
AN ACCREDITED PROGRAM THAT PROVIDES A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA (NOT A GED) AND CAREER CERTIFICATE IN ONE OF TEN GROWING FIELDS.

HELPING JUST 25 ADULTS EARN THEIR DIPLOMAS COULD TRANSFORM INTO:
- $8.27 MILLION INCREASE IN GRADUATES' EARNINGS
- $1.82 MILLION INCREASE IN LOCAL, STATE, AND FEDERAL TAX REVENUE
- $7.3 MILLION IN TAXPAYER SAVINGS—MOST OF THAT BORN AT THE LOCAL AND STATE LEVEL
HOW LIBRARIES ACROSS THE COUNTRY ARE MAKING AN IMPACT

150+ LIBRARY SYSTEMS ACROSS THE U.S. OFFER CAREER ONLINE HIGH SCHOOL

MORE THAN 3,000 ADULTS HAVE EARNED THEIR H.S. DIPLOMA THROUGH THEIR LIBRARY

THE RESULTS

Increasing the high school graduation rate from the 2015 figure of 83.2% to a more acceptable 90% would ADD JOBS and INCREASE TAX REVENUES.\(^7\)

14,260 NEW JOBS

$3.1 BILLION IN GRADUATE EARNINGS

$159 MILLION IN STATE & LOCAL TAX REVENUES

$504 MILLION IN FEDERAL TAX REVENUES

79% OF PROGRAM GRADUATES PLAN TO GO TO COLLEGE\(^8\)

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