

Overview

Franklin-Essex-Hamilton BOCES Regional Graduation Rate Initiative

On October 10, 2008 Governor Patterson and Commissioner Mills hosted a forum in cooperation with America's Promise. America's Promise is a national dropout prevention initiative that has identified five key components to high school completion. The components are: Caring Adults, Safe Places, Healthy Start, Effective Education and Opportunities to Help Others. The Franklin-Essex-Hamilton BOCES Regional Graduation Rate Initiative is the local effort aligned with the state and national initiatives.

The specific goal of the Franklin-Essex-Hamilton BOCES Regional Graduation Rate Initiative is to have 90% or more of the 2008 cohort achieve high school graduation by June of 2012. The foundation of a high school diploma opens doors to young adults. Graduates are more employable. Graduates are more likely to pursue post secondary education or technical training. Graduates have advantages in pursuing a career in the military services. In short, they are better able to live as contributing members of American society and to function in the global marketplace.

The Franklin-Essex-Hamilton BOCES Regional Graduation Rate Initiative is a sustained effort to raise the graduation rate in the entire region. This initiative will require a strong working partnership with a broad range of constituencies. Educators, students, families, community agencies, employers, the press and others will be important partners in this effort. Attached is a document outlining specific goals and action steps. This is a working document that will be updated regularly.