

TO: Local GMM contact
Graduation Matters (Your Community)
Fax:

FROM:

DATE:

RE: Becoming a Graduation Matters (Your Community) Partner



Graduation Matters Montana is a statewide effort to ensure Montana's public schools graduate more students prepared for college and careers. Each year, nearly 2,000 Montana students drop out of high school. Working together, we can do better.

The three objectives of Graduation Matters Montana are:

1. *Increase the rate of Montana students graduating from high school college- and career-ready.*
2. *Establish a support network between schools, businesses and community organizations for student success.*
3. *Create school-based and community-based opportunities for student success.*

We appreciate your interest in becoming a partner in Graduation Matters (Your Community) and look forward to working with you on behalf of Montana's children. Please complete this document and return it to the fax number indicated above.

Graduation Matters (Your Community) Partnership Commitment

_____ (organization name) shares the belief that if schools, communities, businesses and families work together, we can increase the number of Montana students who graduate prepared for college and careers.

We support Graduation Matters Montana's goal of reducing the number of students who drop out of our schools by 50 percent by 2014. We believe this will be accomplished by working across sectors at the local level, by developing and implementing research-based strategies, and by sharing what works with other communities in the state.

Our programs and services can have an impact on the following Graduation Matters indicators and/or the ultimate goals of increased high school graduation and post-secondary education (select all that apply):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Preschool enrollment | <input type="checkbox"/> Fourth grade reading scores |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Eight grade math and science scores | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth service participation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Out-of-school time participation | <input type="checkbox"/> Successful promotion from 9th grade |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adoption of common core standards for college and career readiness | <input type="checkbox"/> High school graduation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mentoring middle school & high school students | <input type="checkbox"/> Min. two years post-secondary education |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Career exploration & preparation |

Our programs and services can have an impact on Graduation Matters (Your Community) in other ways (please describe below):

Each partner brings unique assets to the work of GMM; all partners agree to:

- Promote and support Graduation Matters (Your Community) and the I Pledge to Graduate initiative
- Identify a single staff member to serve as Main Point of Contact
- Publicize GMM initiatives and opportunities to networks
- Activate networks as appropriate on relevant issues

Each partner benefits from GMM in various ways; all partners are:

- Invited to periodic partner networking meetings, webinars and technical assistance calls
- Recipients of monthly partner updates and periodic interest-area alerts
- Connected with a member of the GMM team, who will serve as the organization's primary point of contact

We'd like to join Graduation Matters (Your Community) as a partner and pledge to work with other partners to achieve these shared goals.

CEO/President/Executive Director (signature)

Date

CEO/President/Executive Director Name and Title (please print)

CEO/President/Executive Director Email

Graduation Matters (Your Community) partnership and the GMM goal have been presented to and approved by our Board of Directors (optional, please initial).

The following person will serve as our primary point of contact with GMM:

Point of Contact Name and Title (please print)

Point of Contact Phone Number Point of Contact Email Address

Mailing Address 1

Mailing Address 2

City State Zip Code

Web Address