

We Are All In This Together:
Sharing the Vision of High School Graduation for All Students

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All resources and information from the Michigan Dropout Prevention Leadership Summit are available online at www.midropoutsummit.org.

Michigan *dropout* Prevention Leadership Summit

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Communities Sharing the Vision of High School Graduation
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October 20, 2008
Lansing Center
333 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing, MI, 48933
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.



Governor Jennifer M. Granholm

Elected as the 47th governor of Michigan in 2003 and re-elected in 2006, Granholm has successfully resolved more than \$6 billion in budget deficits, trimming more from state government than any governor in Michigan's history. A fiscal hawk, Granholm has worked to ensure that state government spends every penny efficiently. At the same time, she is working aggressively to diversify Michigan's economy, ensure world-class educational opportunities for every Michigan student, create universal access to affordable health care, and stand up for Michigan workers and families during tough economic times. Granholm has increased spending for Michigan's public schools to record levels and championed universal access to higher education. In December 2006, Granholm signed legislation creating the Michigan Promise scholarship, a first-in-the-nation program that awards \$4,000 to every Michigan student who successfully completes two years of post-secondary education. In her 2008 State of the State address, she proposed creation of a 21st Century Schools Fund to create smaller, more personal high schools that not only keep at-risk students in school, but also helps them get the college education or technical training they need.

First Gentleman, Daniel Granholm Mulhern

As Michigan's first "First Gentleman," Mulhern is champion for the cause of state volunteerism and community service, as chairman of the Michigan Community Service Commission (MCSC). He is an accomplished leadership coach and organizational development expert and is using those skills to guide the Office of Great Workplace Development, whose aim is to make the State government a "great place to do great work." He has similarly taken on the lead role in promoting the practices of Michigan's companies recognized as "great companies to work for." In addition to caring for their own three children, the Governor and First Gentleman have undertaken an enormous effort called Mentor Michigan that works to insure that all of Michigan's children have the same opportunity to be influenced and taught by a caring adult. Mentor Michigan is a program started by Governor Granholm when she was Attorney General and is designed to match caring adults with young people. He is a very active parent, supporting his daughters in a variety of sports activities and coaching his son's basketball team.

Karen Pittman, Executive Director Forum for Youth Investment

As one of the nation's leaders in advancing strategies to prepare young people to be ready for college, work and life, Karen Pittman has made a career out of starting organizations and initiatives that promote youth development. The Forum for Youth Investment's "Ready by 21" initiative calls upon states and communities to change the odds for children and youth by changing the way they do business. Working in partnership with business, government, education and nonprofit sectors, the Forum for Youth Investment provides frameworks, coaching and tools to help leaders think differently, act differently and act together.

Charles Hiteshew, COO America's Promise

Charles Hiteshew comes to America's Promise from the DC Education Compact (DCEC), where he served as Deputy Director. At DCEC, he managed the investment portfolio, pooled money for those investments and oversaw internal operations. Prior to that, he served as the founding Executive Director of the PEP Fund, which was chartered to support the ongoing transformation of the DC Public Schools through a series of annual investments. During his tenure, the PEP Fund leveraged a \$1.2 million investment in a system-wide partnership between the DC Public Schools and the College Board. Charles Hiteshew started his career as a street counselor and a school-based prevention coordinator for a street youth organization based in Boston. He spent a year in Africa as both a headmaster in a rural secondary school in Kenya, and a World Wildlife Fund project coordinator in Uganda. He received his BA with honors from Amherst College. He and his wife Suzan have three young children and live in the Washington, DC area.

Chris Cressy, CLU, ChFC, Vice President—Agency State Farm Insurance Companies

Chris joined State Farm in 1985 as an agent in Aurora, Colo. She was named agency field consultant in Denver, Colo., in 1995 and agency field executive in Parsippany, N.J., in 2000. She was named assistant vice president – learning and development in 2004 and was promoted to vice president – learning and development in 2005. She assumed her current role as Vice President - Agency for Greater Michigan in 2007. Cressy received bachelor's and master's degrees from Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana. She earned the Chartered Life Underwriter (CLU) designation in 1999 and the Chartered Financial Consultant (ChFC) designation in 2004.

Andrew M. Sum, Director Center for Labor Market Studies in Boston

Andrew M. Sum is a Professor of Economics at Northeastern University and the Director of the Center for Labor Market Studies in Boston. He has conducted research in a wide array of labor market and workforce development topics at the national, state and local level for the past 35 years. He is also been engaged in research on the educational and labor market experiences of the nation's teens and young adults and their implications for educational and labor market policies. His recent research studies in these areas includes, "An Assessment of the Labor Market, Income, Social, Health, Civic, Incarceration, and Fiscal Consequences of Dropping Out of High School: Findings for Michigan Adults in the 21st Century."

7:30 - 8:50 a.m.	Registration	
8:00 a.m.	"Dropouts: One is Too Many" Briefing	Pre-summit briefing on statewide series of hearings about the dropout crisis. More information online at www.mea.org/dropouts . Legislators and Media are invited to this agenda item.
8:45 a.m.	Colors are Presented	
9:00 a.m.	Welcoming Address	Governor Jennifer Granholm (invited) Charles Hiteshew, COO, America's Promise America's Promise Video
9:20 a.m.	We Are All In This Together – Setting the Stage	Karen Pittman, Executive Director, Forum for Youth Investment
9:30 a.m.	First-Hand Accounts	First Hand Accounts Michigan Youth Share Perspectives on the Challenges of Staying in School through Graduation Facilitator: Karen Pittman, Forum for Youth Investment
10:00 a.m.	Michigan's Dropout Crisis: Why Communities Should Care	Ms. Chris Cressy, Vice President Agency, State Farm Insurance Companies Jim Sandy, Executive Director, Michigan Business Leaders for Educational Excellence, Michigan Chamber of Commerce
10:30 a.m.	What We Know About Michigan's Dropout Crisis	<i>Introduction:</i> Yazeed Moore, Associate Program Officer, Pathways Out of Poverty, C.S. Mott Foundation Dr. Andrew Sum, Director of the Center for Labor Market Studies, Northeastern University, Boston This session will focus on Dr. Sum's recent research illustrating the social, educational and economic costs of failing to graduate young people in Michigan and eight Michigan communities.
11:00 a.m.	Reflection Round Tables	Facilitators will team up with Community Groups to draw upon the morning presentations and start planning for the afternoon work session.
11:15 a.m.	Interagency Directors/Children's Cabinet	<i>Facilitator:</i> Kyle Caldwell, Michigan Nonprofit Association Mike Flanagan, State Superintendent, Department of Education Andy Levin, Deputy Director, Department of Labor and Economic Growth Ishmael Ahmed, Director, Department of Human Services Ed Mize, Operations Manager, Department of Corrections
12:00 noon	Break/Lunch	
12:45 p.m.	Detroit Summit – A Success Story	Representatives from the One D Dropout Prevention Summit and Retreat will update the group on the progress in Detroit and make an important announcement that will assist Detroit schools in turning around their graduation challenges
1:00 p.m.	The Art of the Possible	Karen Pittman, Executive Director, Forum for Youth Investment
1:30 p.m.	Moving Forward – Sharing the Vision	Framework for Roundtable Discussions: Becky Rocho, Calhoun ISD Community Groups will rejoin facilitators to discuss how they can build a strong alliance in their communities to support children and youth throughout their lives.
3:00 p.m.	Committing to Change Community Group Reports	<i>Speaker:</i> Dan Mulhern, Michigan's First Gentleman <i>Facilitation:</i> Karen Pittman, Forum for Youth Investment
3:30 p.m.	Pulling It All Together: Next Steps	Jack Kresnak, Michigan's Children/Michigan's Promise Andy Levin, Shared Youth Vision Partnership
4:00 p.m.	Adjournment	