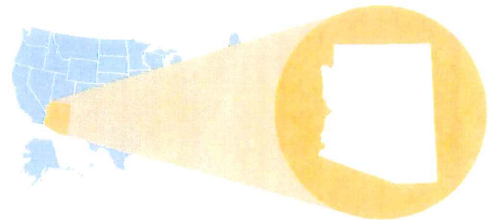


THE ECONOMIC BENEFITS

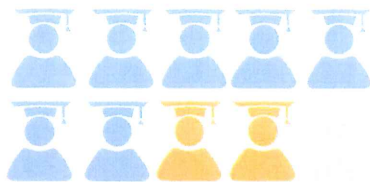
OF INCREASING THE High School Graduation Rate for Public School Students

WHAT IF ...

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



ACTUAL
72%



GOAL
90%

➔ An increase of **14,000** graduates

THE BENEFITS WOULD BE HUGE



\$164 million
in increased annual earnings



1,500 new jobs



\$128 million
in increased annual spending



\$225 million
in increased annual gross state product



\$324 million
in increased home sales
\$17 million
in increased auto sales



\$25 million
in increased annual federal tax revenue
\$11 million
in increased annual state/local tax revenues

THE BEST ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE IS A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA.

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