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LOOKING AT COMMUNITY SUPPORT FOR CHILDREN "AT RISK" OF DROPPING OUT

1. What structures are in place in our community for "at risk" students who have fallen behind?

Robert Balfanz in *What your Community Can Do to End Its Dropout Crisis* notes there are four broad classes of dropouts as follows:

Life events - Pregnancy, jail, work to support family

Fade outs - Frustrated and bored and don't see reason to finish school

Push outs - Students seen by school to be dangerous or detriment to other student's learning

Failing to succeed - Students fall far behind and see no hope

2. Community Leadership Teams could map what is currently available in their community for each subset of students. Are there gaps that need to be filled by new policy, process or programs?

You can find and download Robert Balfanz's *What Your Community Can Do to End the Dropout Crisis* at www.ednexthorizon.org.



INTRODUCTION TO GRAD NATION

Grad Nation, A Guidebook To Help Communities Tackle The Dropout Crisis - published by the America's Promise Alliance - is a road map to playing a key role in this critical effort. It is a comprehensive document but certainly a guidebook worthy of study as you venture forward in your work. *Grad Nation* can be found and downloaded at www.ednexthorizon.org.

Louisiana's Promise joins America's Promise in its focus on ending the high school dropout crisis in our state and nation. We are committed to a local approach dedicated to supporting your community leadership team. We hope you will find this synopsis helpful in your work.

Thanks for all you do for the children of Louisiana!



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