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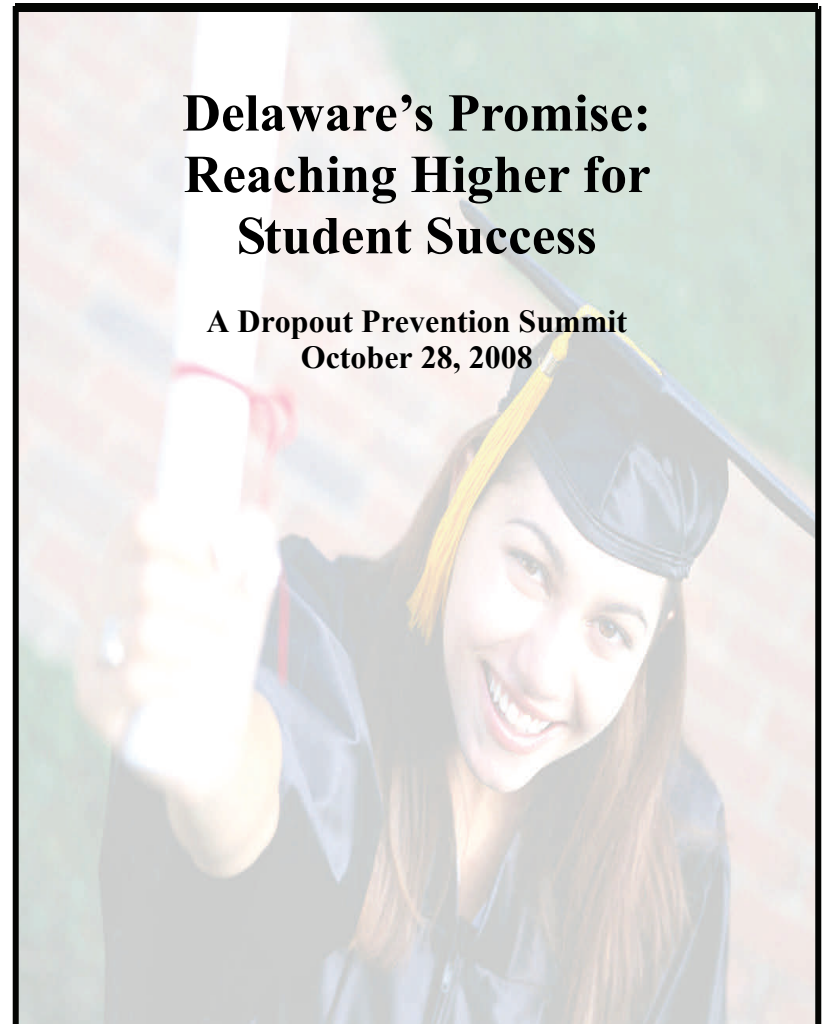
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**Delaware's Promise:
Reaching Higher for
Student Success**

**A Dropout Prevention Summit
October 28, 2008**



Agenda

8:00 – 8:30	REGISTRATION
8:45-10:00	OPENING PLENARY Welcoming remarks by Governor Minner Introduced by Jose Rivera Drop-out prevention campaign film featuring General and Mrs. Powell Keynote speaker - Bob Wise from Alliance for Excellent Education presents America's dropout crisis, the local dropout crisis, and an overview of the summit and the importance of community action
10:00 -10:15	BREAK
10:15-11:00	FOCUS GROUP RESULTS Insight from Delaware students – youth driven production by Hearts and Minds Film. Student panel
11:00-12:15	BREAK OUT STRAND SESSION #1 See nametag for session
12:15-1:30	LUNCH Dr. Robert Balfanz, Center for the Social Organization of Schools, Johns Hopkins University
1:30-2:45	BREAK OUT SESSION #2 Participants will work in groups to provide input for Delaware's Dropout Prevention Action Plan
2:45-3:00	CLOSING PLENARY SESSION Secretary of Education, Valerie Woodruff
3:00	ADJOURN

Breakout Sessions

Session I 11:00-12:15

Business —Corporate East

How can business support student success? Examine ways to create momentum for dropout prevention activities among corporate partners.

- ◆ For the private sector

Policy Makers— Corporate West

How can public/political will be generated around dropout prevention? What policies can be developed or leveraged to impact this issue?

- ◆ For elected officials, state and local school board members, education advocacy and research organizations, school and program administrators

Community Organizations—Chardonnay

How can community agencies collaborate effectively to support schools, parents and businesses in reducing the dropout rate?

- ◆ For all non-profit organizations and social service agencies providing service to students and families

Education — Sauvignon and Champagne Room

Developing early warning and intervention systems at the school level.

- ◆ For teachers, counselors, school administrators, and other individuals providing direct service to students

Note: Parents and students have been assigned to all groups to allow their perspective to be heard in each session.

Session II 1:30-2:45

Group 1—Sauvignon

Group 2—Chardonnay

Group 3—Corporate

Group 4—Champagne

**See nametag for group assignment