The Path to a 90% High School Graduation Rate

High school graduation rates are improving, but we need to address persistent equity gaps to accelerate progress and help every student succeed. Even though closing these gaps isn’t easy, progress is attainable and within sight.

The national graduation rate is at an all-time high, but progress is slowing down.

Progress is being driven by Black, Hispanic, Low-Income, and English Learner Students.

To keep driving progress, we need to continue narrowing achievement gaps.

In some states, reaching a 90 percent graduation rate means helping fewer than 500 additional students walk across the graduation stage.

Tennessee only needs 143 more graduates to reach 90% — that’s just a 0.2% increase.

Increasing graduation rates and improving secondary school success indicators go hand-in-hand — we just need to keep going.

This is how we reach a 90% graduation rate and ensure more of our young people are prepared for success after high school. Let’s finish what we’ve started.

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