The Economic Benefits of Increasing the High School Graduation Rate for Public School Students in the Rochester, NY metro area

If the graduation rate of the Class of 2013 had been 90% (2,300 more graduates)...

- Auto Sales INCREASE $3 million
- Annual Earnings INCREASE $27 million
- Annual Spending INCREASE $17 million
- Home Sales INCREASE $63 million
- New Jobs 150
- Annual Gross Regional Product INCREASE $35 million
- State/Local Tax Revenue INCREASE $5.8 million
- Federal Tax Revenue INCREASE $4.3 million

The best economic stimulus package is a high school diploma.

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