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AT&T Awards \$800,000 Grants Across Central Indiana

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AT&T Inc. (NYSE:T) is awarding more than \$800,000 in grants to educational institutions and nonprofit organizations across central Indiana to support high school retention programs for at-risk students. The money is part of the \$100 million AT&T Aspire initiative to promote high school success and workforce readiness. The Metropolitan School District of Wayne Township will receive \$351,000, while the Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce Foundation and the Greater Bloomington Chamber of Commerce Foundation will each receive \$200,000.

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INDIANAPOLIS, Nov. 7, 2008 — AT&T Inc. (NYSE:T) today announced it is awarding more than \$800,000 in AT&T Foundation grants to educational institutions and nonprofit organizations across central Indiana to support high school retention programs for at-risk students.

The grants are part of the company's signature initiative, AT&T Aspire, which was announced earlier this year to help address high school success and workforce readiness. AT&T has committed \$100 million in philanthropy through 2011 to schools and nonprofit organizations that are focused on high school retention and better preparing students for college and the workforce.

America's Promise Alliance has noted that nearly one-third of U.S. high school students drop out before graduating — with about 7,000 students dropping out every school day, or one every 26 seconds.




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"The high school dropout issue affects us all and we must do more if we expect to compete in the global economy," said AT&T Indiana President George S. Fleetwood. "The AT&T Aspire program supports programs and educators committed to putting our youth on the path to a brighter future. Together, we can prepare our young people to succeed and prosper."

The AT&T Aspire program supports organizations with strong track records that promote educational success, from the classroom to the workplace. The recipient programs of this year's High School Success grants provide a range of support for students, including academic intervention, mentoring and tutoring services. The central Indiana schools and nonprofit groups receiving grants are:

Metropolitan School District of Wayne Township -- \$351,046 to support the expansion of the Learning Lab Credit Recovery Program so that more students will leave the ninth grade on track to graduate.

Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce Foundation -- \$200,000 to support the expansion of the Common Goal mentor program within Indianapolis Public Schools and extend it into other school districts so that at-risk high school students have caring adults to help them graduate and learn essential life skills.

Greater Bloomington Chamber of Commerce Foundation -- \$200,000 to support the addition of a stay-in-school coordinator who can help high school students overcome barriers, develop skills, graduate and find gainful employment in the workforce.

Metropolitan School District of Warren Township Marion County -- \$35,000 to support a four-year program called Graduation Bound that involves after school and summer classes in basic skills to help students graduate.

D.R.E.A.M. Alive, Inc. -- \$25,000 to support after-school programming that assists, equips and empowers eighth-grade transition and high school students to develop the requisite skills to succeed in high school, college and the workforce.

"As the Chair of the Senate Committee on Education and Career Development and the former Chair and current commissioner of the Midwestern Higher Education Compact, I'm pleased to see AT&T addressing our high school dropout challenges," said State Sen. Teresa Lubbers. "Success in the classroom is a critical step toward achieving success in the workforce."

"These grants will help provide students with the foundation they need to achieve great things for themselves and for our great state," said State Rep. Greg Porter, Chair of the Indiana House Standing Committee on Education.

In addition to these grants, AT&T Aspire will also award funding in three other key areas including: 1) a student job shadowing initiative; 2) the underwriting of national research that will explore the practitioner perspective on the high school dropout issue, and 3) support for 100 state and community dropout prevention summits.

"Common Goal is a bold community-wide initiative to raise our high school graduation rates in Marion County to 80 percent in the next four years," said Greater Indianapolis Chamber President Roland Dorson. "We asked for the community to support us and AT&T has stepped forward in a big way to do just that."

"In our district, student success is the only option," said Dr. Eugene White, superintendent of Indianapolis Public Schools. "Programs like Common Goal bring together the kind of resources we need to help our young people stay in school and discover their true potential."

For more information about the AT&T Aspire initiative, please visit www.att.com/education-news.

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