

### **Michigan's No Child Left Behind Partnership**

Governor Granholm announced an unprecedented “No Child Left Behind Partnership” that will – for the first time – bring state government, local school districts, Intermediate School Districts, private businesses, the faith community, social service organizations, teacher unions and the foundation community together in a proactive, organized way to help low-performing schools achieve educational progress goals.

Members of the partnership will focus their resources and support on assisting “high-priority” schools that immediately take specific, rigorous turn-around actions.

As part of the Partnership, high priority schools will:

1. **Develop a specific AYP achievement plan.** Working in conjunction with their staff, district and Intermediate School District, each high-priority building will – by the end of this school year – develop a specific plan for meeting Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) achievement goals for next school year. The plan must be based on a rigorous curriculum and must be reviewed and approved by the Michigan Department of Education.
2. **Send administrators from high priority buildings to a “Principals Academy.”** Beginning this May, and continuing in a session this summer, principals from high priority buildings will participate in intensive educational leadership training.
3. **Require all teaching staff in high priority buildings to attend “Summer Leadership School.”** Each district with a high priority school will commit to extensive professional development for all staff in any high priority building. Development will begin with a week-long session before the beginning of the school year to learn strategies for implementing the building’s AYP achievement plan and will continue throughout the year.

The partnership will link the state, businesses, faith-based organizations and human service providers to schools making a turn-around commitment:

1. The Children’s Action Network within state government will deliver improved human services to help support children at home as they achieve their learning goals.
2. Through Project Great Start, Intermediate School Districts and community organizations will focus their parent education and early-reading initiatives in the neighborhoods surrounding high-priority schools.
3. The Governor’s Great Lakes, Great Hopes scholarship fund will focus on high-priority middle schools.

4. Mentor Michigan will focus on high-priority buildings to provide mentors to children in these buildings.
5. The Governor's office will work with the foundation community, businesses, labor and faith-based organizations to provide human and financial resources to these high-priority schools. Each high-priority school will be teamed with a local business and with a local faith organization to offer guidance to the school and its children.
6. Department of Education will focus the work of its existing Partnership for Success program in high-priority schools.
7. Department of Education will focus its federally-funded grant programs for school reform, NCLB implementation, school readiness and pre-school programs at high-priority schools.