

# Update on 55,000 Degrees and JCPS Report on Progress

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**55,000  
Degrees**



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# BACKGROUND



Community partnership and strategies were forged in the Greater Louisville Education Commitment (GLEC).

**Goal:** By 2020, 40% of working-age adults will hold a bachelor's degree; 10% will hold an associate degree.



## 55,000 Degrees Launched

*Goal:* Add 40,000 bachelor's degrees, 15,000 associate degrees by 2020

### *Objectives:*

1. Create a college-going culture
2. Use business community's leverage to accelerate attainment
3. Prepare students for success in college, career, life
4. Make post-secondary education accessible and affordable
5. College persistence, performance and progress



Mayor Fischer, chairman of the board, asked for a  
specific, quantifiable commitment from each  
founding partner –  
Founding Partner Pledge Profiles

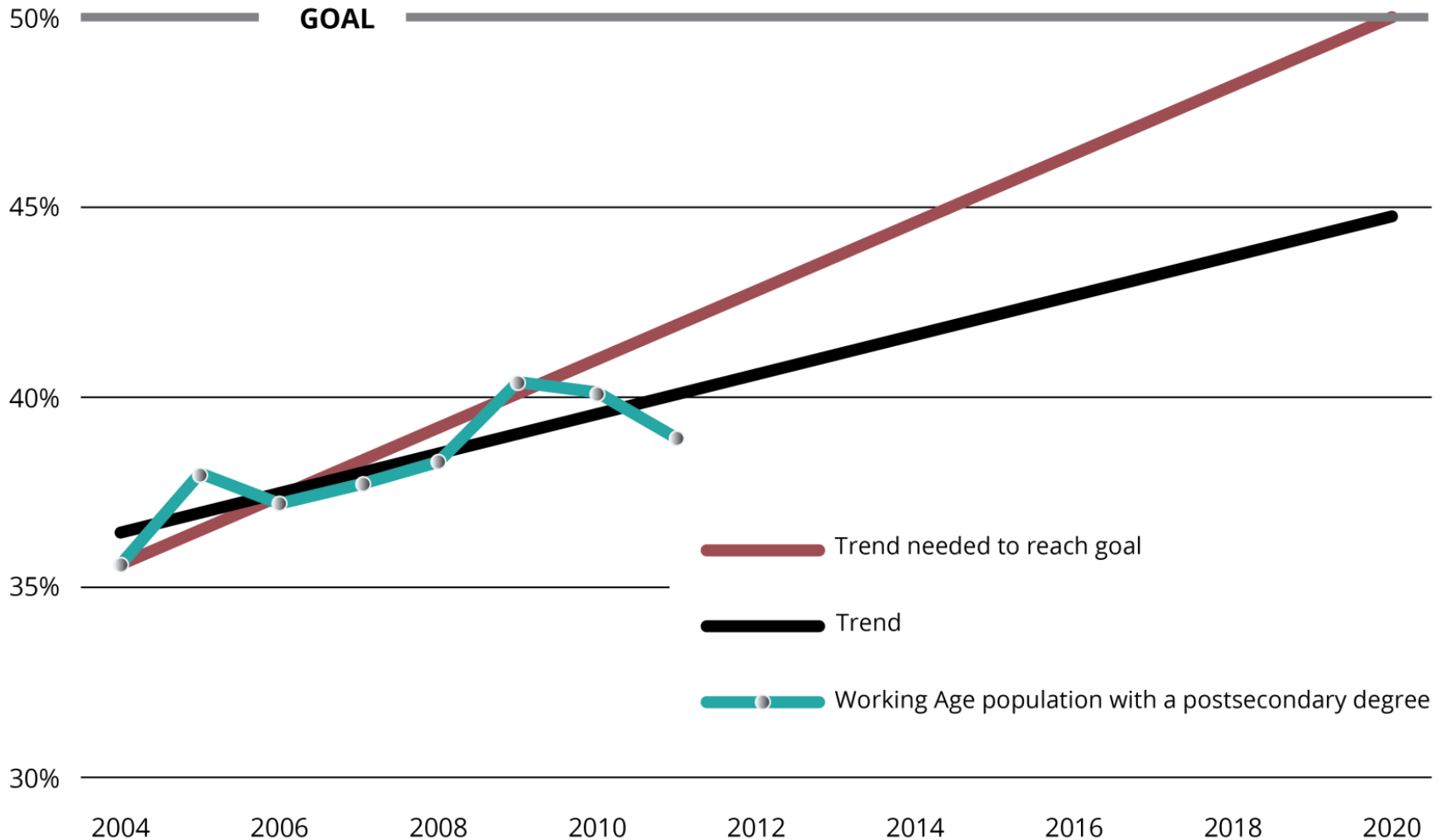


# **55K OVERVIEW – MARY GWEN WHEELER**

## **JCPS UPDATE – BOB RODOSKY**



# We are not on track to reach our goal



There is good news too

Degree completions  3% from 2009 to 2011

Working-age enrollment  4.3% from 2009 to 2011

JCPS college and career readiness 





# The JCPS pledge

By 2020:

- 90% graduation rate
- 85% of graduates enroll in college
- 40% of GED recipients enroll in college
- 70% of graduates are college/career ready
- 3% annual dropout rate
- 21 average district ACT score
- 6% freshman retention rate



# Increase the percentage of students graduating to 90%

2010 benchmark: 69.3%

2011 actual: 67.8%

2012 goal: 73.0%

2012 actual: **69.4%**



# Increase the percentage of graduates going to college to 85%

2010 benchmark: 65%

2011 actual: 63%

2012 goal: 72%

2012 actual: TBD



# Increase the percentage of GED recipients going to college to 40%

2010 benchmark: 23%

2011 actual: 23%

2012 goal: 27%

2012 actual: **26%**



# Increase the percentage of college-ready graduates to 90%

2010 benchmark: 31%

2011 actual: 36%

2012 goal: 51%

2012 actual: **45%**



# Decrease the percentage of students that dropout to 3%

2010 benchmark: 4.9%

2011 actual: 3.7%

2012 goal: 4.5%

2012 actual: 4.1%



# Increase the average ACT score to 21

2010 benchmark: 18.5

2011 actual: 18.7

2012 goal: 19.0

2012 actual: **19.1**



# Decrease the freshman retention rate to 6%

2010 benchmark: 20.0%

2011 actual: 13.7%

2012 goal: 17.2%

2012 actual: **14.5%**





# STRATEGIES TO REACH TARGETS



# JCPS Initiatives Supporting 55K Targets

- Close the Deal
- 5 Star Schools: Professional Career Themes
- ACT Now Grant
- College Access Time
- FAFSA pilot
- JCPS Employees: Degrees at Work Program  
(in development)

