

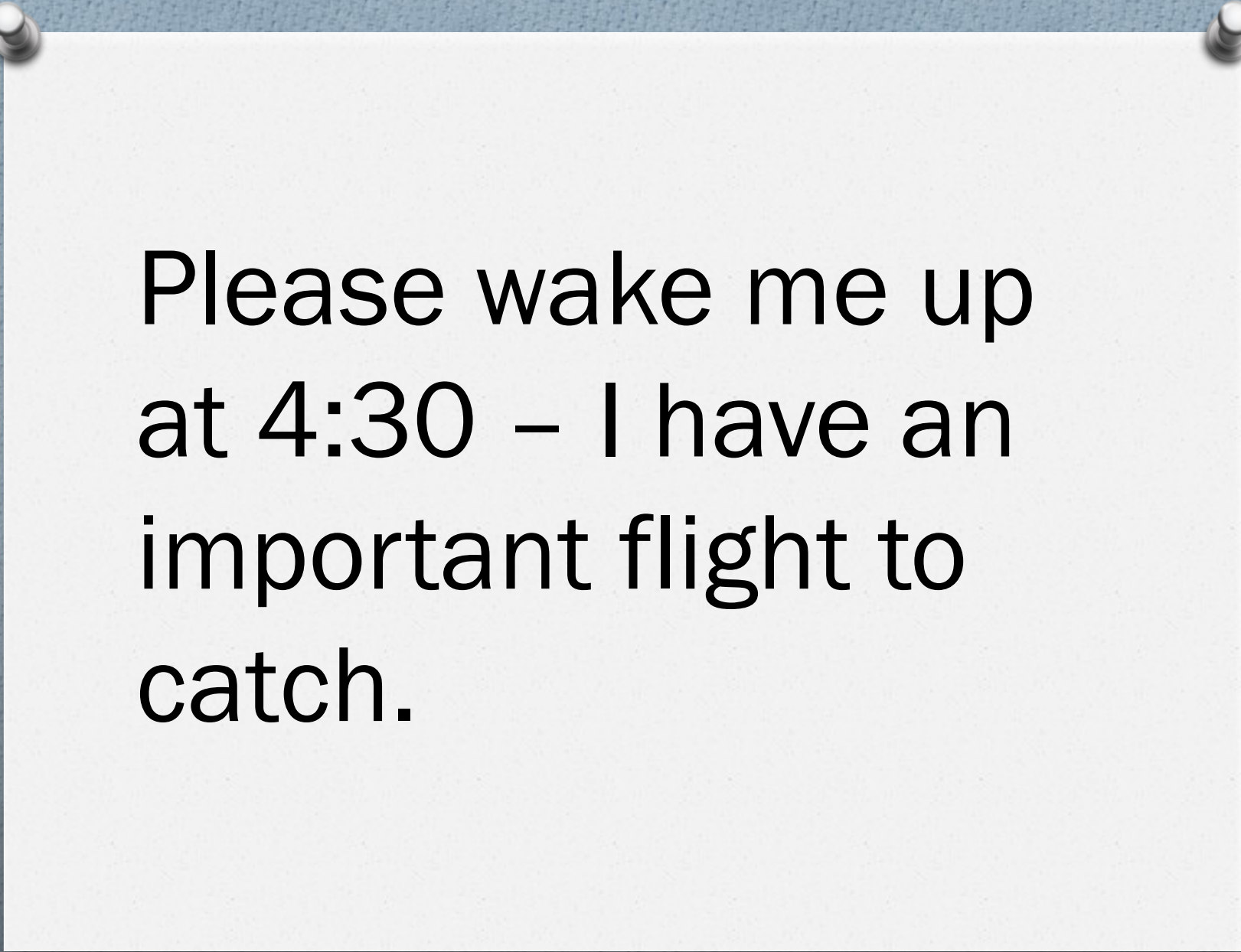


Alabama Community Education Conference

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March 6-8

Educators

“Daring to Make
a Difference”

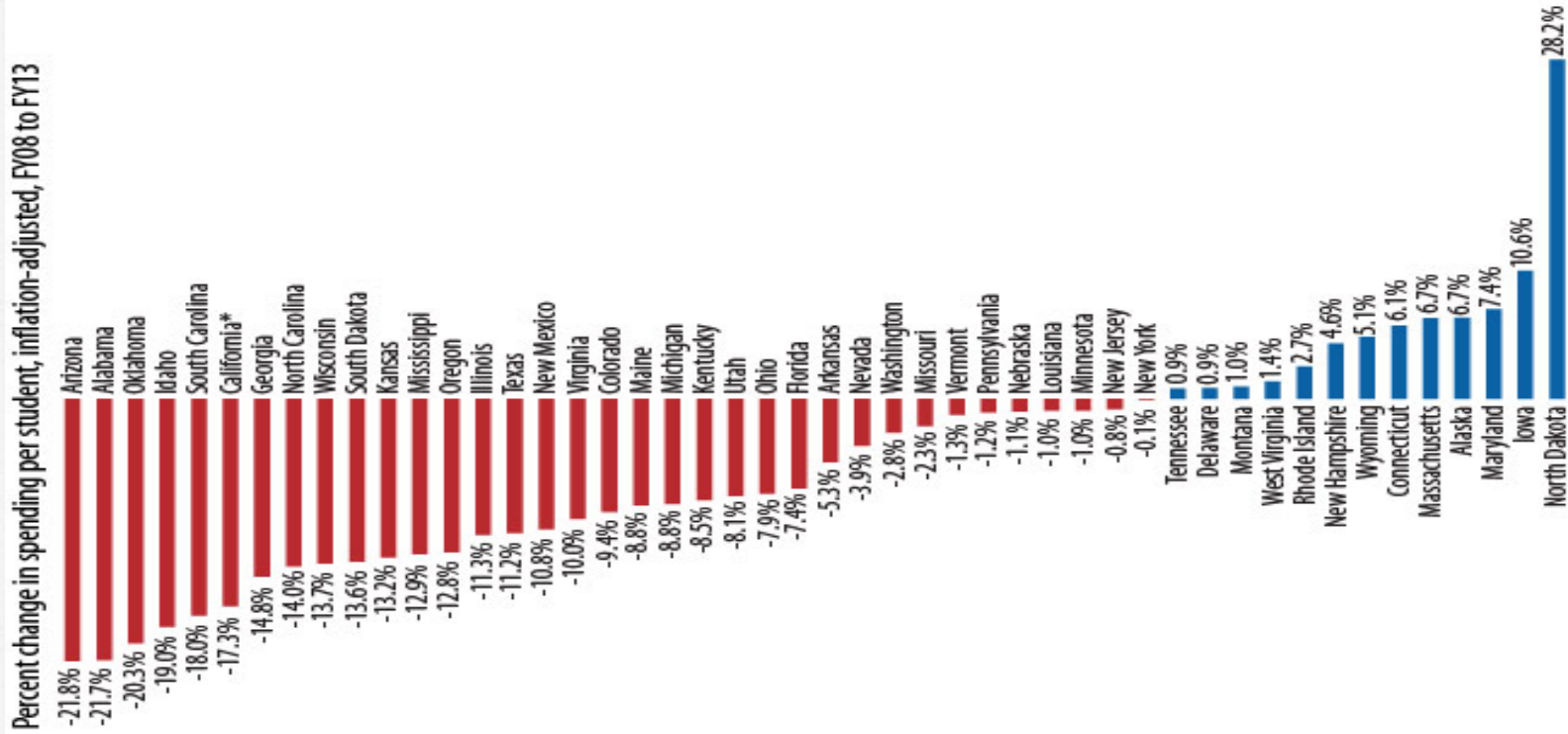


Please wake me up
at 4:30 – I have an
important flight to
catch.



It's 4:30, get up!

Changes in per pupil spending during recession



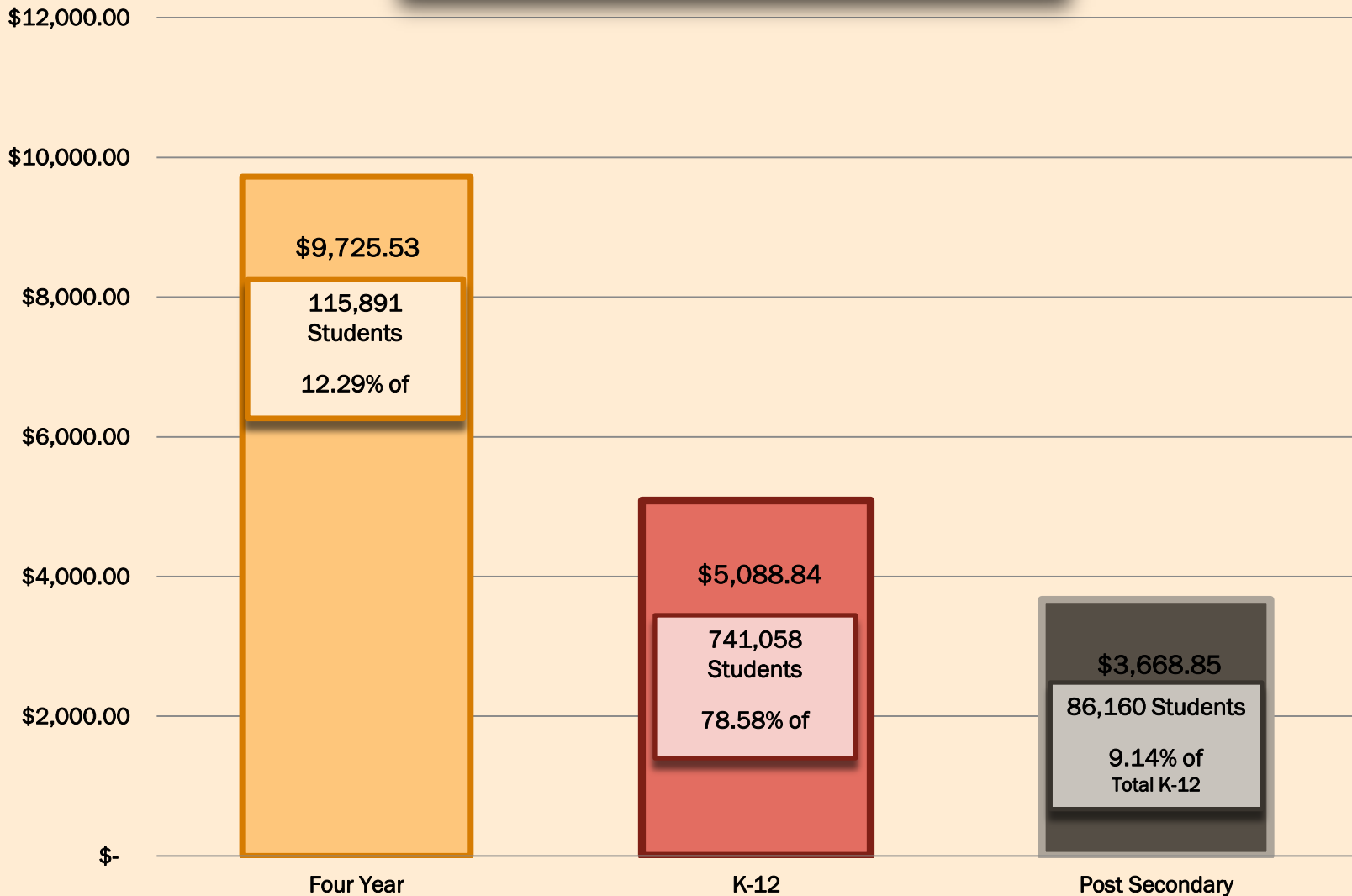
Sequestration



Post-Sequestration

- o Post Sequestration funding for education looks to be 5.1% below current levels.

FY 2013 Dollars Allocated Per Student



Extra! Extra! Read All About It!

- o More Accountability!
- o High Drop-Out Rate!
- o Failing Schools!
- o Stuck In A Rut!
- o Persistently Low Performers!

FACT

- Alabama has achieved its highest Graduation Rate in history!

72%

% Proficient

Reading

o Grade 3	89%
o Grade 4	89%
o Grade 5	89%
o Grade 6	89%
o Grade 7	87%
o Grade 8	81%
o Grade 11	83%

Math

o Grade 3	86%
o Grade 4	86%
o Grade 5	92%
o Grade 6	78%
o Grade 7	87%
o Grade 8	80%
o Grade 11	85%

Alabama's 13 Public Universities Graduation Rate

o 22.9% Four Year Average

o 31.3% Six Year Average

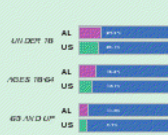
2012 ALABAMA POVERTY PROJECT DATA SHEET



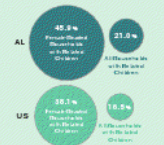
Poverty By Race¹



Poverty By Age²



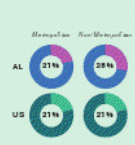
Poverty By Household Type³



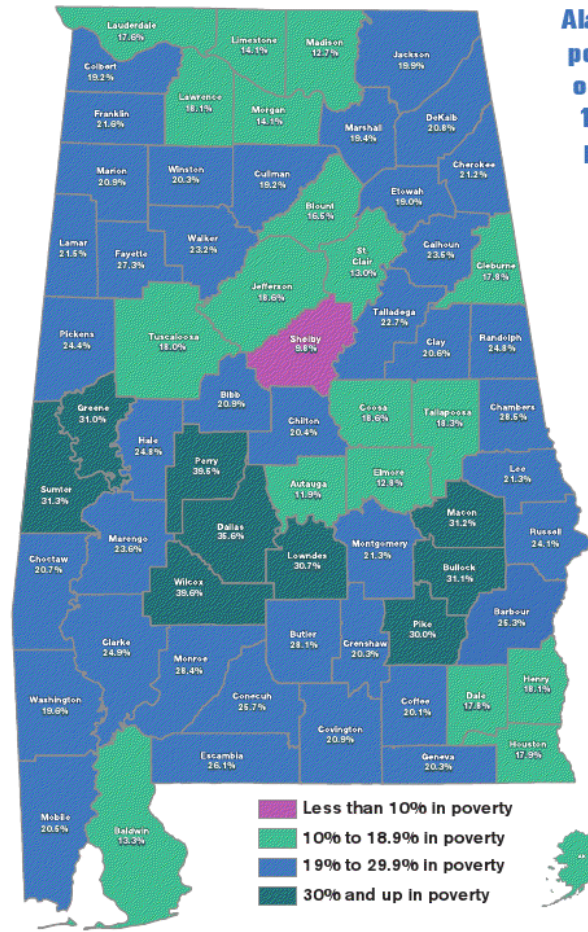
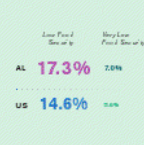
Poverty By Education Level⁴



Poverty By Region⁵



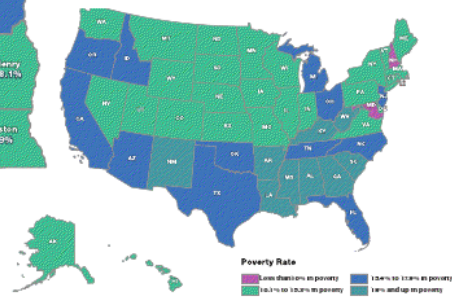
Hunger & Food Security⁶



Alabama is the nation's third poorest state. Nearly 1 in 5 of our neighbors – and more than 1 in 4 children – live below the poverty line. We can do better.

The **Alabama Poverty Project (APP)** is a nonprofit resource center that mobilizes Alabamians to reduce poverty via strategic partnerships with higher education institutions, community partners, policymakers, and faith-based organizations. Founded in 1993, APP equips Alabamians to increase college access, fight hunger through learning and service, and one day end systemic poverty in Alabama.

For more information, visit www.alabamapossible.org



Alabama's 2020 Learners



Objectives

1. All students perform at or above proficiency and show continuous improvement (achievement/growth).
2. All students succeed (gap closure).
3. Every student graduates from high school (grad rate).
4. Every student graduates high school prepared (college and career readiness).

Plan 2020 Learners

Indicators/Targets Graduation Rate

Indicator: By 2016, increase the 4-year Cohort Graduation Rate.

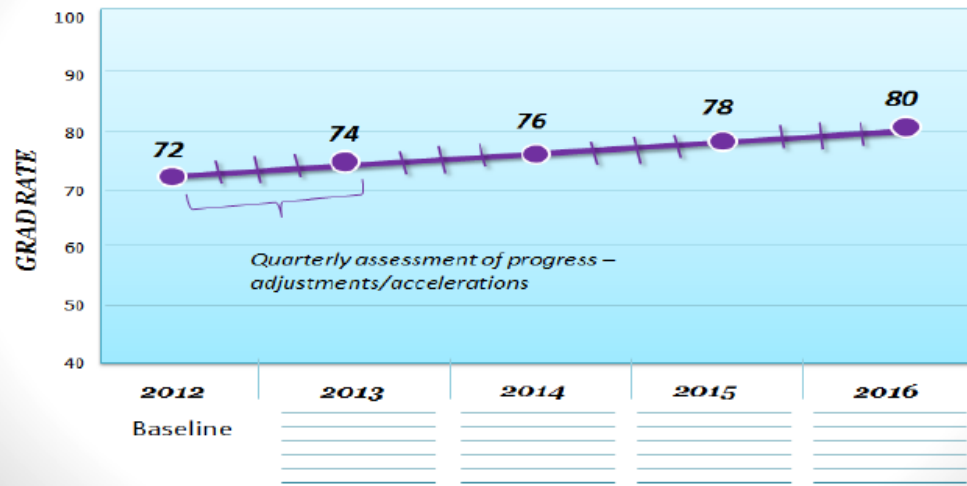
Baseline: 72%

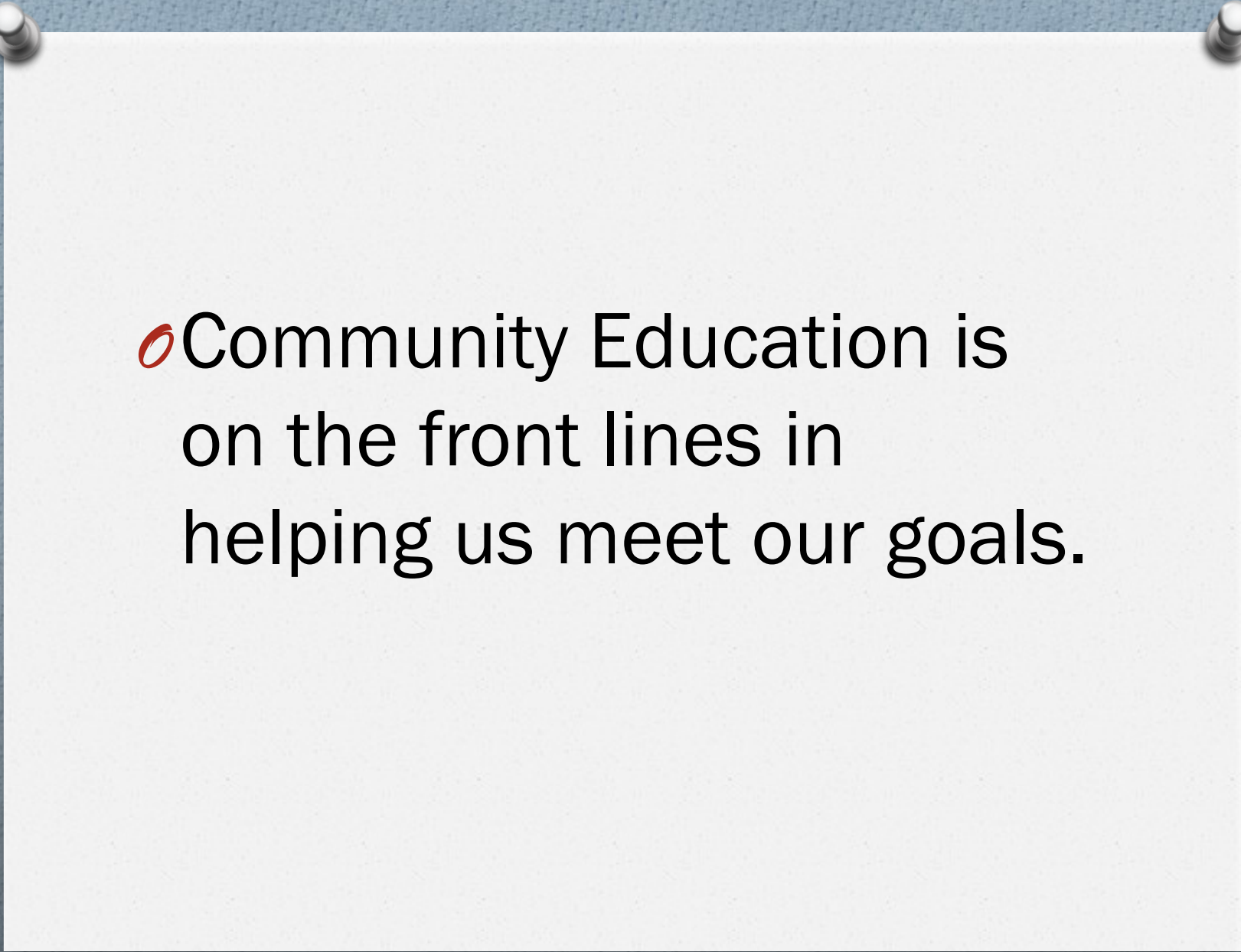
1-year target: 74%

4-year target: 80%

8-year target: 90%

INCREASING THE GRADUATION RATE





o Community Education is
on the front lines in
helping us meet our goals.



Sense of Responsibility



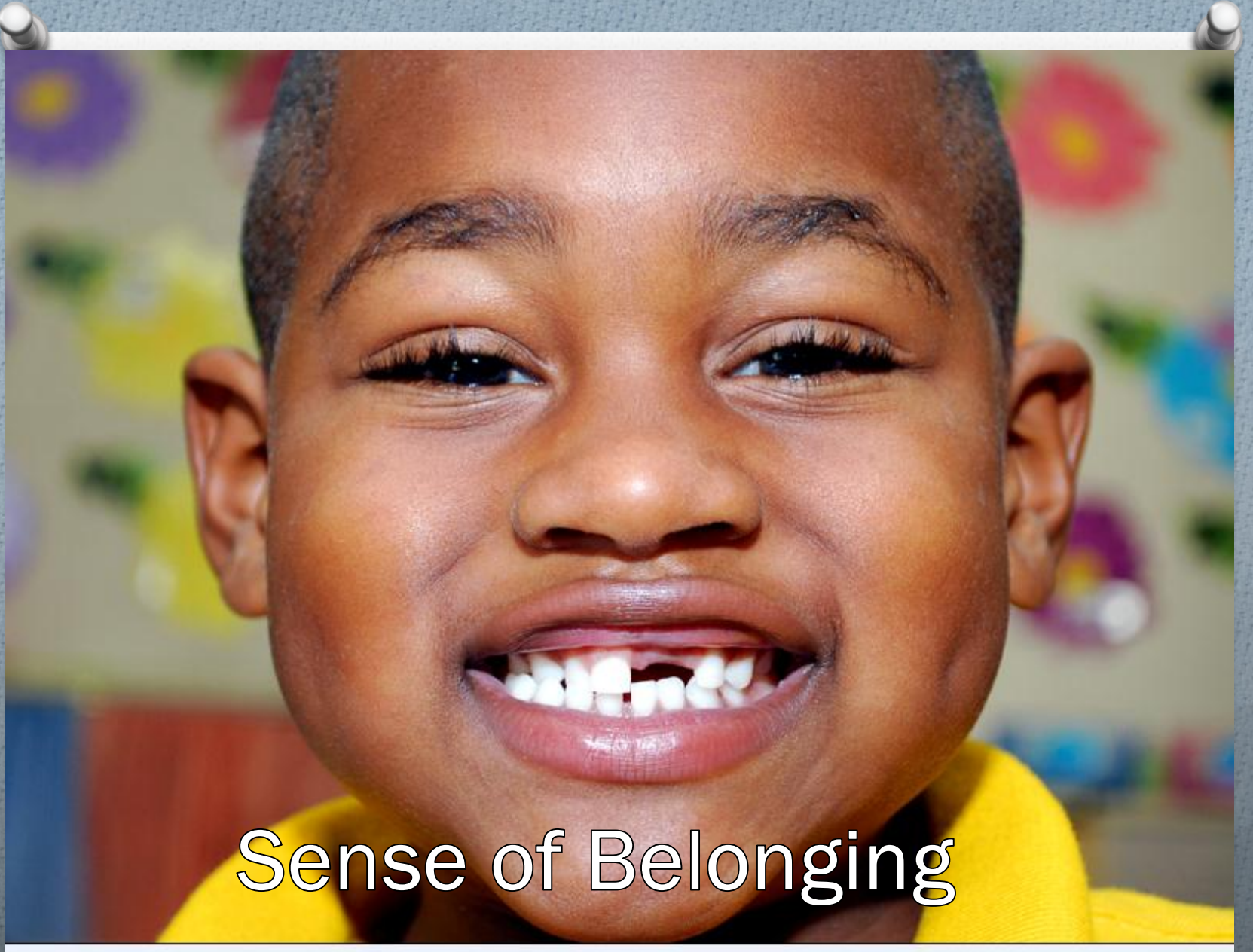
Willingness to Sacrifice



An Appreciation of Diversity



Ability to Cooperate With Others



Sense of Belonging