

# Greater San Jose Alternative Education Collaborative

United Way Silicon Valley

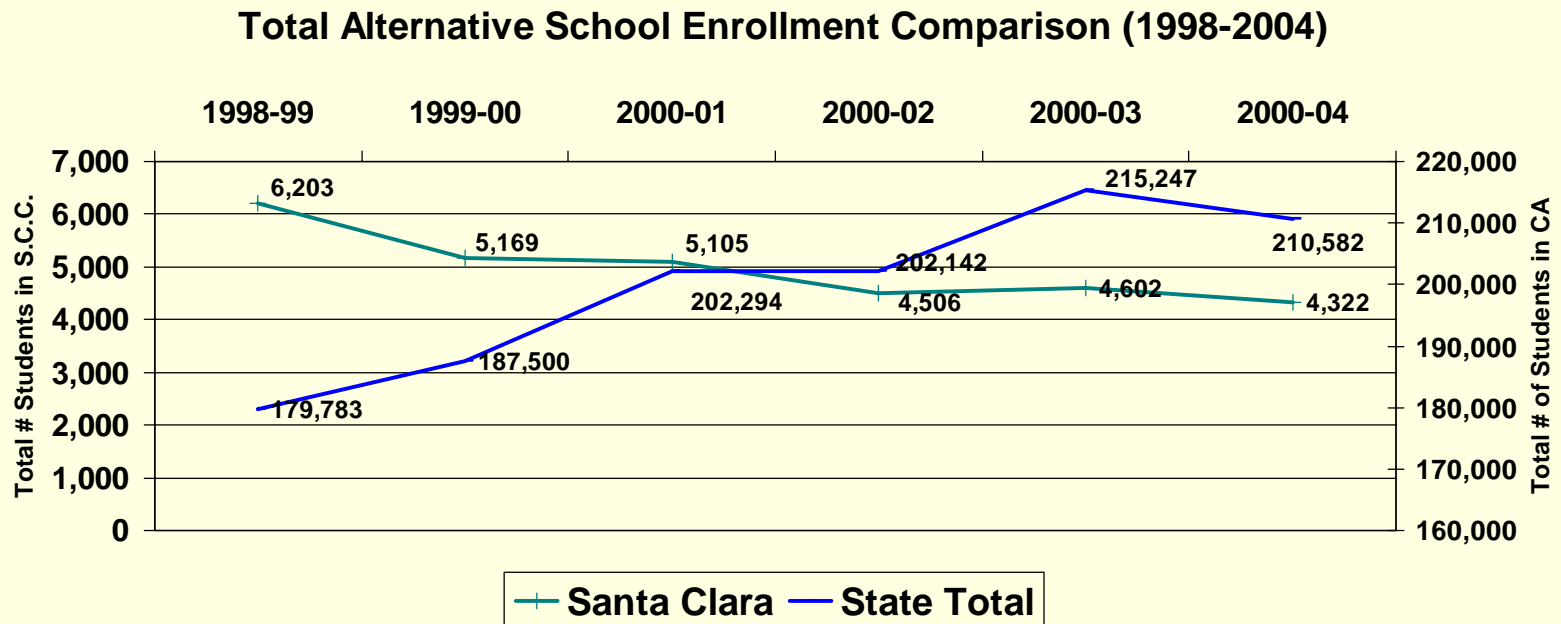




# **Why the Greater San Jose Alternative Education Collaborative?**

# Alternative Education in SCC

This shows the need for increased enrollment capacity.

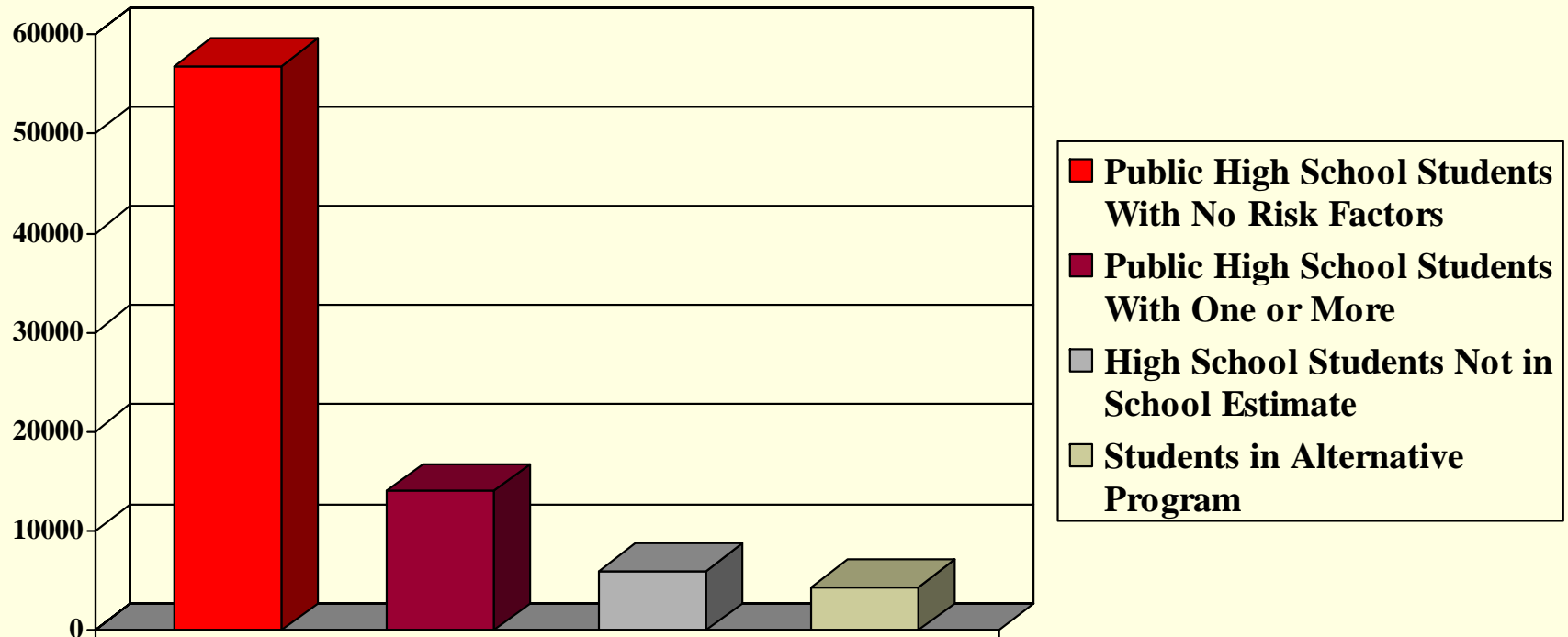


Source: California Dept. of Education -  
Dataquest

\* Does Not Include Charter or Magnet Enrollment

# Alternative Education in SCC

## Students With Risk Factors – Potential Students Who Would Benefit from Alternative Programs

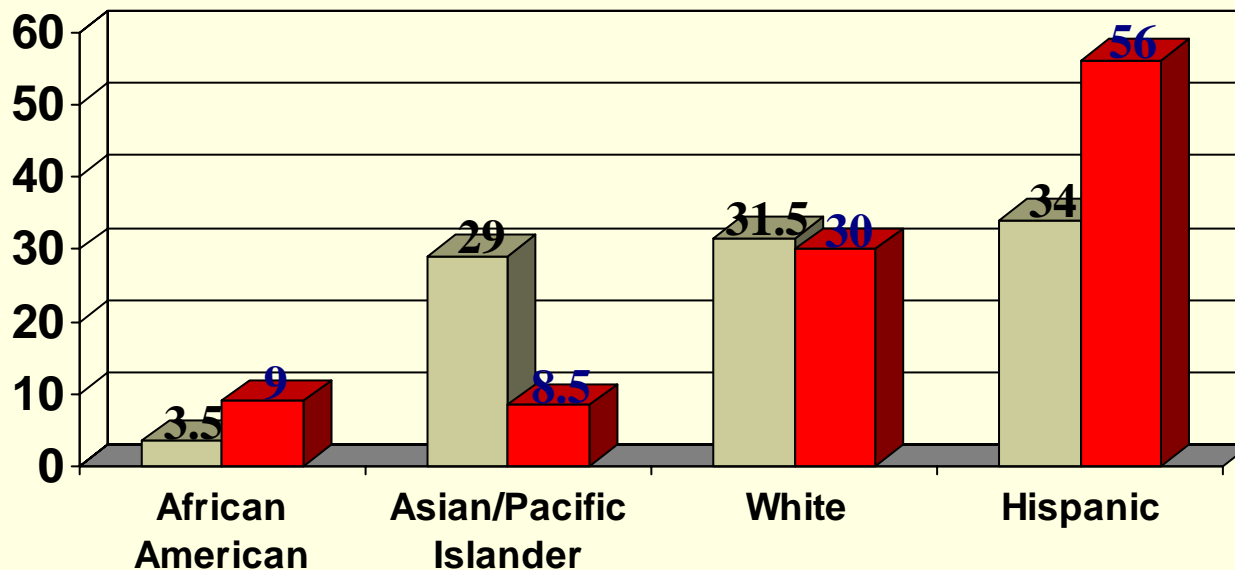


Source: Santa Clara County,  
Alternative Schools Report 2004

# Alternative Education in SCC

## Total County Enrollment by Race/Ethnicity

% of Students by Race/Ethnicity

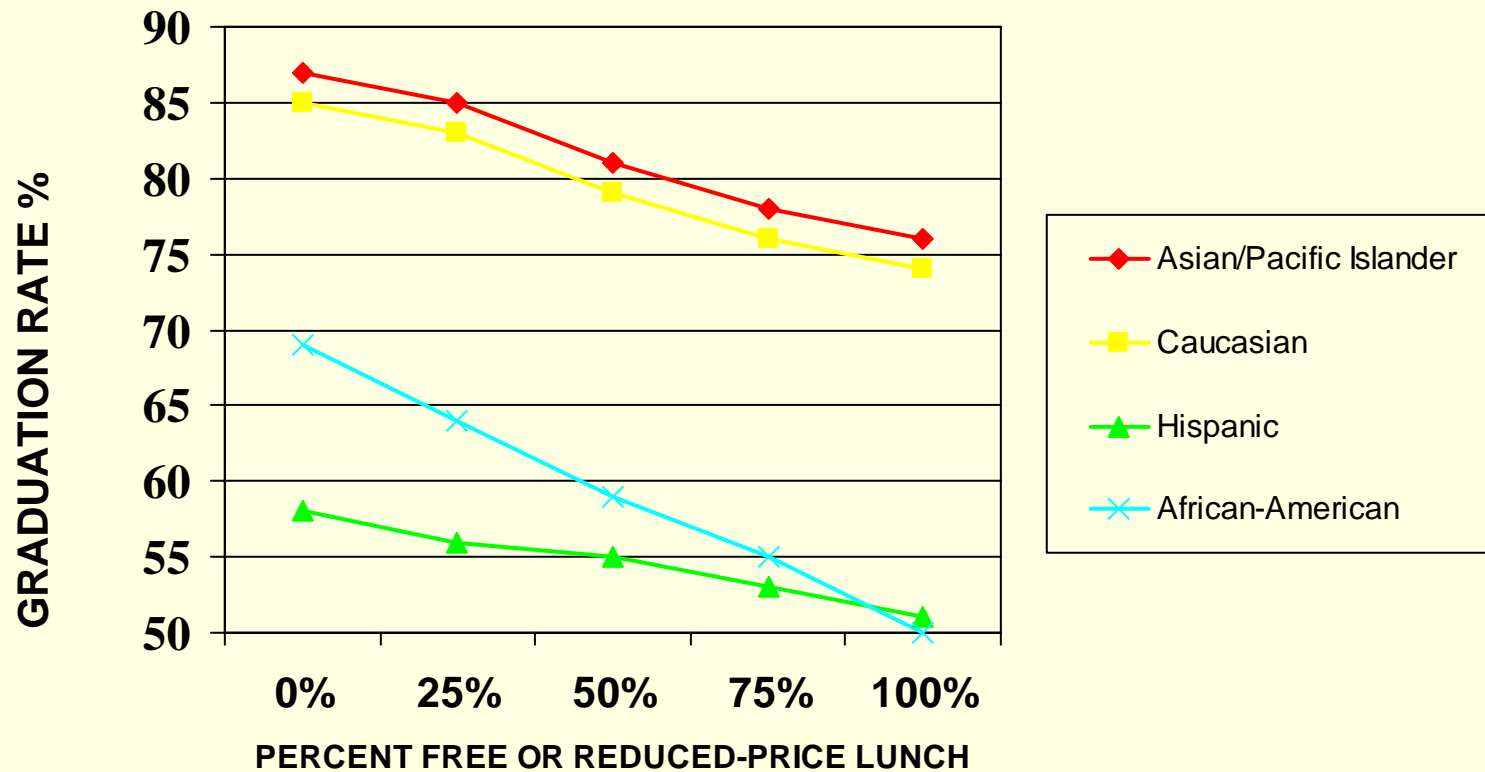


■ Total County Student Body Enrollment

■ S.C.C.O.E. Alternative Student Enrollment

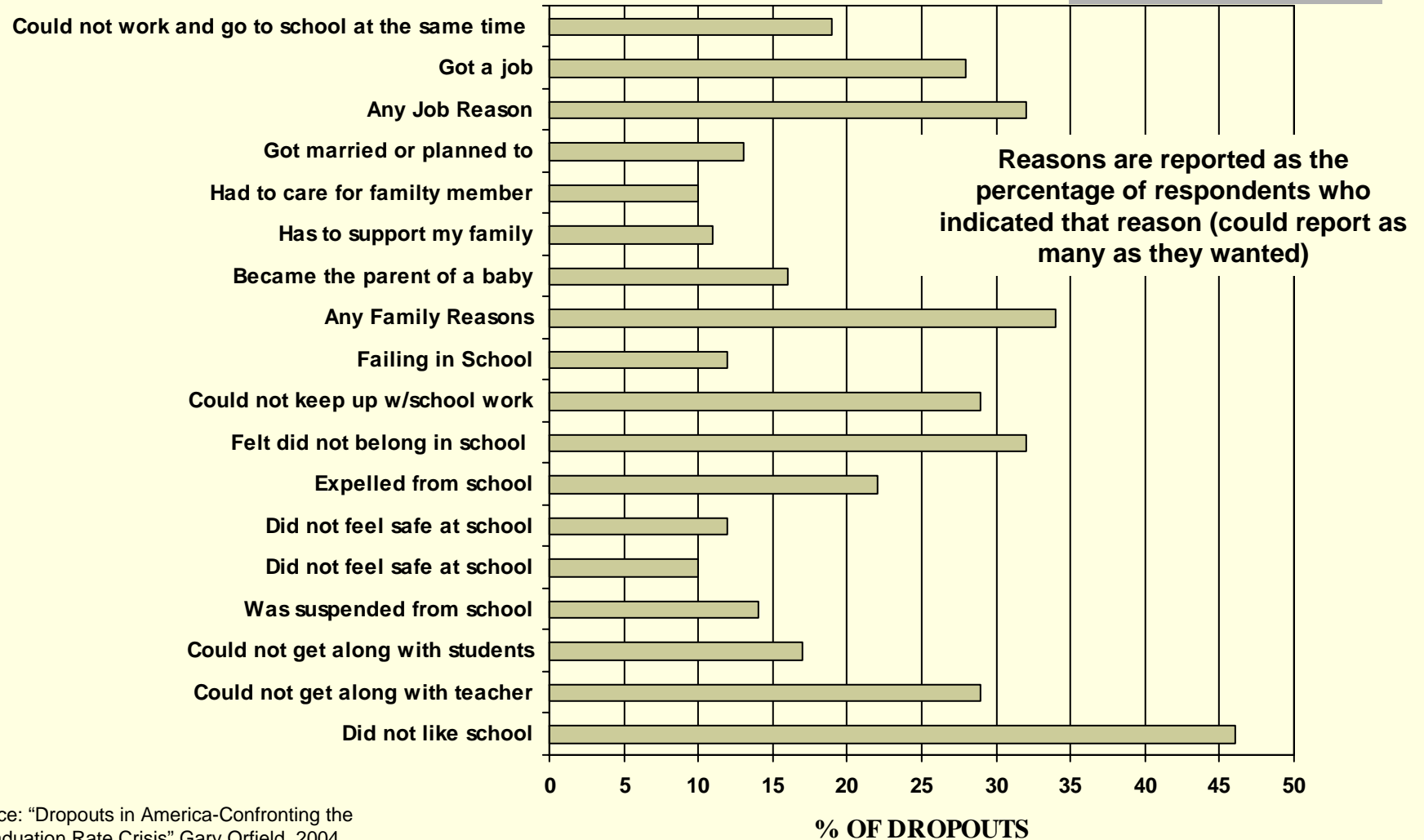
Source: Santa Clara County Office of Education

# Estimated Correlation Between Graduation Rates & Socioeconomic Disadvantage by Race/Ethnicity



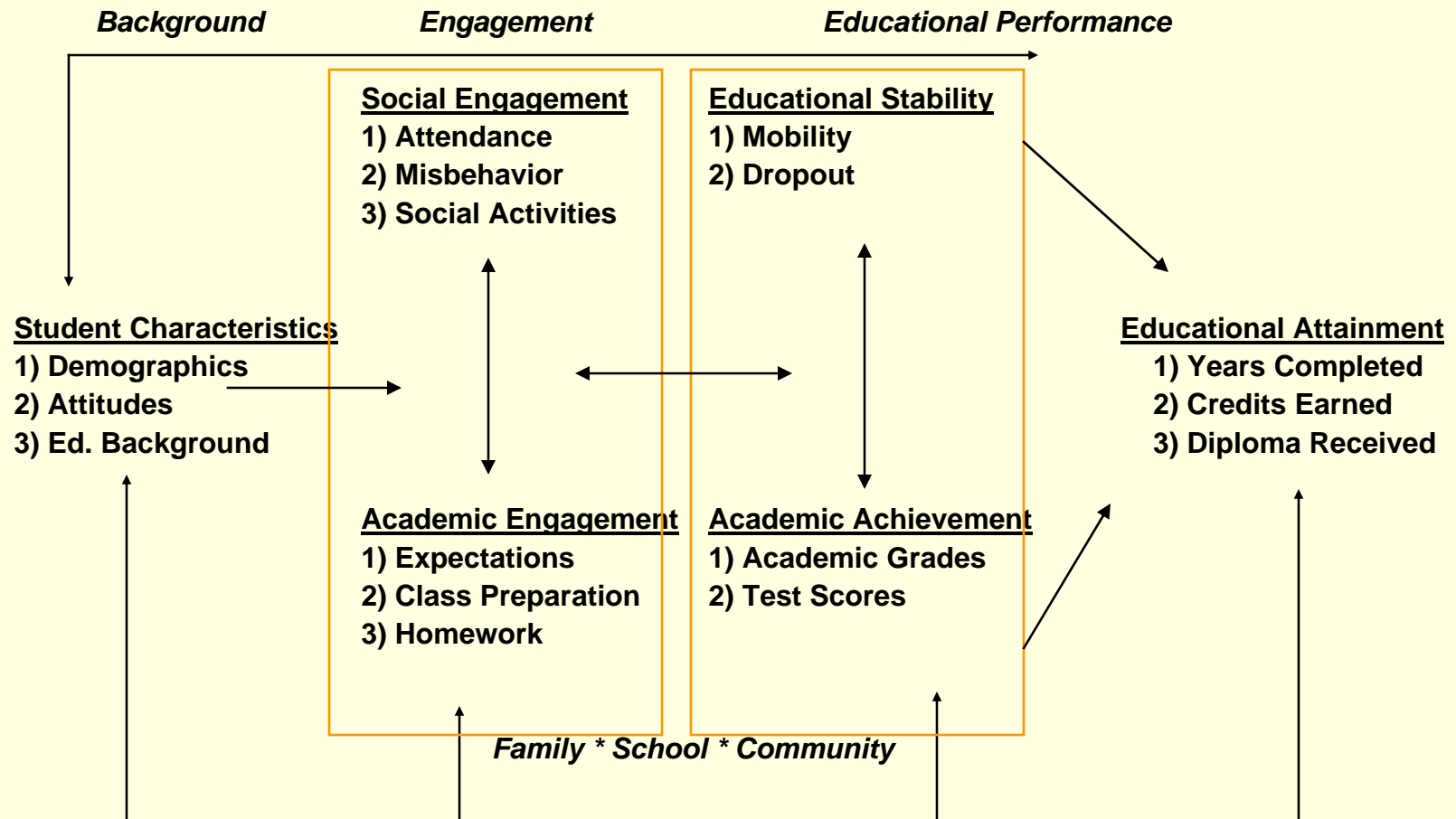
Source: "Dropouts in America, Confronting the Graduation Rate Crises" Gary Orfield, 2004

# Most Common Reasons for Dropping Out



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# Conceptual Framework for Understanding Student Educational Performance



# In Summary

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- Declining Alternative Education Capacity
- Ad-hoc Planning and Program Development
- Need for Unifying Effort, Support, and Advocacy
- Supporting and Enhancing Existing Programs Serving The Most Vulnerable Youth

# In Conclusion

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*In the right environment, with the right coaching and support, every young person, without exception, has unlimited potential for personal growth and success*



**GREATER SAN JOSE**

**ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION**

**COLLABORATIVE**

# GSJAEC

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## ■ Applicant Agencies

- United Way Silicon Valley
- People Acting in Community Together (PACT)
- Franklin-McKinley Educational Foundation
- Catholic Charities of San Jose
- SJUSD
- CYO/CCSC

## ■ Partners/ Supporters

- COE, FMSD, ESUHSD, ARUSD, National Hispanic University
- City of San Jose (PRNS-MGPTF / BEST, WIA, PD, Mayor's HS Initiative)
- SCC (Board of Supervisors, Probation, District Attorney)
- Congresswomen Zoe Lofgren
- Parents, Students, Business Community
- Pathway Society, MACSA, Others

# Project Goals

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- Collaborative Formation & Empowerment
- Formulate Strategic Work Plan
- Community and Stakeholder Involvement
- Improving & Expanding Continuum of Alternative Education Programs / Services

# Project Strategies

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- Increase coordinated data collection, analysis and planning capabilities
- Increase awareness and information on Alternative Education Programs
  - Website
  - Phone-In Information Number
  - Resource Guide

# Project Strategies (Cont'd)

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- Develop a multi sector advocacy base and working group to increase resources
- Plan a referral, tracking and follow up support system for increasing enrollment and retention
- Enhance and expand existing programs with additional education and funding resources
- Increase the involvement of parents/youth consumers in planning and evaluation activities

# What can you do to help?

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- Identify and refer out of school youth to GSJAEC
- Discuss schooling options and alternatives to families who's children are at-risk of dropping out
- Provide parents with assistance in re-enrollment process
- Provide support services to families / youth to improve retention
- Join the GSJAEC now!!

# GSJAEC Organization

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***Thank You for your attention!***

***Join us in this effort  
to improve the quality of education  
for our youth.***