

1. Welcome, and thank you for joining us for our first Calistoga Promise meeting. We appreciate your interest, and hope you find this meeting both informative and exciting.
2. Introductions
3. Driving Question: What if we could engage the entire community in a movement to ensure all students have the expectations, resources, and skills to complete postsecondary education and be successful in the career of their choice?
4. Discussion:
 - a. What is a Promise Program?
 - b. The Kalamazoo Promise
 - c. Key Considerations
 - d. Partners
 - e. Student Qualifications
 - f. Funding Choices
 - g. Funding Sources
 - h. Outcomes & Data Sources
 - i. Where are we now?
 - j. Net Price Estimates
 - k. Total Gap Estimates
 - l. Next Steps
 - m. Q & A

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<p>Primary Objective</p>	<p>Through institutional collaboration, system alignment, structured educational pathways, elimination of traditional barriers, and community-wide engagement, all students can have the opportunity to attend and complete postsecondary education while directly benefitting the local, regional, and state workforce and economy.</p>
<p>Guiding Policy Principles</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <p><u>Universal Participation</u>: College Promise initiatives have universal impact, meaning all students are automatically beneficiaries of the initiative regardless of socioeconomic status. In other words, a student would need to opt out of a Promise initiative instead of opting in. This is a critical principle that will guide College Promise efforts, since the goal is to raise educational attainment rates across higher education institutions and across diverse communities.</p> <p><u>Financial Assistance</u>: One of the many barriers to college access and persistence is cost. Although the cost of college represents only one hurdle for students, it is a significant hurdle. College Promise initiatives can allocate institutional, municipal, philanthropic, and other sources of financial support to help create a more seamless transition for students. One to two years of relief on tuition and other costs can go a long way for any student entering an institution of higher education.</p> <p><u>Stakeholder Commitment and Collaboration</u>: A foundational principle to the success of College Promise initiatives is that key stakeholders are engaged early and maintain collaboration long-term. This buy-in is achieved through formal agreements between partners, direct communication among leaders, and agreement on clear metrics and benchmarks.</p> <p><u>Community-Wide Engagement for Broader Impact</u>: Building financial and political support to overcome significant barriers that can impede the success of College Promise efforts requires the support and investment of schools, districts, elected officials, businesses, and other civic leaders. These partnerships help to ensure the relevance of curriculum, provide financial support, and can create internship and employment opportunities for students. Completion of high value degrees and certificates is critical to long term economic development, and recent studies have identified a shortage of more than 1.1 million workers with the skills needed by employers in California alone. Only by better aligning academic programs, increasing success, and providing internships and work experience aligned with education programs can this gap be addressed.</p>