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The Employee Education Delivery System (EEDS) has the goal of helping 3,500 working adults (including 500 minorities) in Greater Louisville complete Bachelor's Degrees by 2014. The Employee Education Delivery System (EEDS) will:

- Improve the ease with which working adults access the post-secondary system
- Increase the affordability of education
- Promote the adoption of education-friendly programs, policies, and practices among Louisville employers
- Measure and report the completion rates of working-age adults who return to school

Community Commitment

The Employee Education Delivery System (EEDS) is part of a larger community commitment to increase by 55,000 the number of adults with post-secondary degrees by the year 2020. That would mean at least 40% of working-age adults would hold a Bachelor's Degree and 10% an Associate's Degree.

Community Objectives

This initiative was launched in May 2010 when business, education, community, and civic leaders signed the Greater Louisville Education Commitment and set up what is now known as the public-private partnership 55,000 Degrees with these objectives:

- Create and support a college-going culture
- Use the business community's unique points of leverage to accelerate attainment
- Prepare students for success in college, career, citizenship, and life
- Make postsecondary education accessible and affordable
- Increase educational persistence, performance, and progress

Business Leaders for Education (BLE), which was organized by Greater Louisville Inc. (GLI), recognizes the unique leverage the business community can bring to improve education attainment in our community. BLE committed its support and is providing leadership to implement the Employee Education Delivery System (EEDS) and asking employers to encourage their employees to return to school and complete their degrees.

Helping Working Adults Return to College

The Employee Education Delivery System (EEDS) helps to ease the process for returning to school and completing a degree by providing important resources about:

- College Knowledge: How to apply, transfer credits, secure financial aid
- Affordability: How to afford and budget for the cost of education
- Logistics: How to balance the demands of school with the demands of life
- Ongoing Support: How to maintain momentum and direction

In conjunction with its work to increase education attainment nationally, The Lumina Foundation has awarded \$800,000 over four years to fund the development of the Employee Education Delivery System (EEDS).