



HUDSON VALLEY PATTERN FOR PROGRESS

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Suggested Action Steps for the Rockland Business Community to Support Reform of K-12 Education

1. Foster and hold a high level meeting between corporate executives and the 8 School District Superintendents.
2. Create a Task Force to examine finances and methods of adjusting to the new realities, while improving the quality of education.
3. Create a Technology Task Force to find new ways to integrate IT's usage.
4. Design and recruit mentors and advocates to support students.
5. Conduct an assessment of the skills that business leaders think are eroding among new recruits.
6. Provide assistance and advice in determining methodology for bestowing raises and merit increases based upon performance.
7. Develop an Adopt-a-School or Adopt-a-Class program sending mentors into schools.
8. Create partnerships and collaborations with schools to compete for the proposed \$250 million grant pool proposed by the Governor.
9. Create an internship program for business to engage students.
10. Design a Youth Build Program through a partnership between schools and businesses.

It's Time for the Business Community to be Engaged in a Proactive Manner