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The New Battlefield: Urban Education and Neighborhood Redevelopment

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Purpose of Presentation

• The Relationship between Underperforming Schools and Distressed Neighborhoods in Buffalo

• Why We Sought to Move Beyond the Community As Classroom Initiative by Launching the Mini-Education Pipeline Strategy

• The Mini-Education Pipeline
The Underperforming Public School and the Distressed Neighborhood Problem
The Goals of University-Assisted Community Schools

• Develop Students who are Critically Conscious
• Produce Civically Engaged Citizens who are Committed to Remaking Troubled Neighborhoods and Building a Better world....
Must Transform Schools & Distressed Neighborhoods at the Same Time.
The Underperforming School Problem
On the Road to Nowhere ....
The Futures Academy Story
A Problem-Based Pedagogy
Students Learning About the Fruit Belt Neighborhood
Connecting Futures Academy to Neighborhood Revitalization

The Community as a Classroom Initiative

Using Knowledge and Skills Learned in the Classroom to work with Others to Solve Neighborhood Problems....
The Clean-A-Thon Project
The Community Art Project
Using Community Art to Change the Visual Image of the Community
Turning Abandoned Houses Into Works of Art
A Wall of Respect

Futures Academy
Grappling with Simulated Problems

The Future City Competition

Learning How Public Policies Shape the City and Their Neighborhood
Urban Agriculture
Harvesting the Mustard Seeds
Upscaling the Futures Academy Initiative
Futures Academy is Just One School....
Rethinking the Education Strategy
Most Important Venues in Child’s Life

- Schools
- Households
- Neighborhoods
The Mini-Education Pipeline Strategy
The Mini-Education Pipeline System
The Children Will Need Help With Their Studies
Most Public Schools already have a Network of Partners that Provide Academic Enrichment & Supportive Service Programs.
Building the Mini-Education Pipeline
# Management Framework

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Meet with Superintendent and School Board

Build Relationship with Principals

Get the Academic Enrichment and Support Services on Board.

Engage in Joint Planning

Establish Performance Indicators

Implement Program in Phases
The purpose of education is to equip students with the skills needed to earn a living and to create a world worth living in....

Thank You!