

a simple matter of
dollars & **sense** not so common

**RESEARCH
VALIDATES
WHAT WE ALREADY
KNOW**

**COCURRICULAR STUDENT ACTIVITIES PROGRAMS CAN
REDUCE HIGH SCHOOL DROPOUT RATES
BY AT LEAST 10-20%
...OR EVEN ELIMINATE DROPOUTS!**



Mahoney and Cairns (1997) *Developmental Psychology* study



Lower dropout rates...



boost average daily attendance rates...



which increases school funding!

public benefit

every student who stays in school increases the school's revenue by an average of \$12,000 per year



FY 2011 data based on national median (Sept, 2013, provisional), National Center for Education Statistics
Revenue sources: federal, state, and local governments

and

H. Levin et al. (2007) *The Costs and Benefits of an Excellent Education for All of America's Children*



yields \$200,000
in lower government spending and higher tax revenue over the course of a lifetime, compared to a high school drop out

yet

Even with those proven benefits, the average school district spends **less than 3% of its total budget** to support student activities.



Promote the Value.
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