

# ABLE (ABE) EQUALS DOLLARS EARNED

<b>Montana ABE 2004-05 Students</b>	<b>Return On Investment- Students Achieving Goals</b>
218 Students entered the work force	218 new workers with the average earning potential of \$18,900 per year  218 x \$18,900=\$4,120,200
759 Students obtained a GED or secondary diploma	759 workers with the average earning potential of \$25,900 per year  759 x \$25,900=\$19,658,100
400 Students retained employment	400 workers with the average earning potential \$25,900 per year  400 x \$25,900=\$10,360,000
205 Students entered postsecondary education	205 workers with the average earning potential or \$31,200-\$45,400 per year  205 x \$31,200=\$6,396,000          205 x \$45,400=\$9,307,000
Per pupil cost (confirmed workforce or postsecondary entry): \$275,000/1,582=\$173.83	
Total per pupil cost: \$275,000/4090=\$67.24	
<b>Potential Total Dollars Earned: \$40,534,300 to \$43,445,300</b>	
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Surveys, March, 1998, 1999, and 2000. MTSIMS 2004-2005(data match for entered the work force and retained employment one year behind).	

## Return on Investment (ROI)

- Educated adult population fills the demand for workers (removed from public assistance, pay taxes)
- Educated adult population impacts K-12 education (The number one predictor of a child's success in school is the parent's education)

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