



# **Update on HSA Graduation Requirements**

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# Latest Estimates from Local School Systems

- Grade 12 students as of May 15
- Includes results of April senior HSA administration
- Includes Bridge results as of at least May
- Could include some waivers if implemented

# Significant Progress

- In seven short weeks:
  - 3200 more students met requirement
  - 1460 still working on HSA requirement down from 4660
  - 18 systems with 15 or fewer remaining students each
  - 10 systems with no remaining students

# Local systems will know this summer...

- How many students graduate in the class of 2009.
- How many students did not graduate on time only because of the HSA requirement.
- How many students dropped out of the class of 2009

# Schools currently know

- How many remaining students are still working on requirements (Bridge plan or retesting).
- How many students are very close and did not begin Bridge until after April results were available.
- How many students (about 5800) were participating or had participated in Bridge projects as of May 19.
- Bridge has been very effective for Special Education and ELL groups)

# What we know

- Since March, 778 more Spec. Ed. and 230 ELL students met HSA requirements
- Prince George's and Baltimore City students account for most remaining
- Late start for some students
- Most remaining students still working toward 2009 graduation.

# Still on Track for 55,000+ Grads

- 53,274 on time with all requirements met
- Some students to complete Bridge or receive waivers
- 2,000-3,000 2009 grads started prior to 2005 and do not need HSA requirement

# Typical Reasons for Grad Delay

- Did not earn enough credits
- Did not complete service learning
- Inadequate attendance
- Did not meet local requirements
- Late in promotion to Grade 12

Many could complete summer 2009 or  
spring 2010



# Summary

- School systems working hard to ensure all students have all possible options for success
- Progress in numbers of students meeting the requirement continues to be significant
- Maryland is still on track to maintain expected numbers of graduates



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## **Discussion**