

# PROJECT 1-12: SAVE A GENERATION, SAVE THE FUTURE

Many Students Fall Through The  
Cracks

- ❖ Concentrated Generational Poverty
- ❖ Dysfunctional Home Environment
- ❖ mobility
- ❖ Apathetic Caregivers/parents
- ❖ Dangerous, unsafe neighborhoods

*Not fault of schools or school employees!*



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Approaches?

- ❖ HCZ-Geoffrey Canada Model
  - ❖ <http://www.hcz.org/>
- ❖ Established 1970
- ❖ Holistic Approach
- ❖ Track Record of Success



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- ❖ SEED Foundation
  - ❖ <http://www.seedschooldc.org>
- ❖ Established 1977
- ❖ 5-day boarding school
- ❖ Track Record of Success
- ❖ Locations in DC, Baltimore, and Miami (est. 2014)





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- ❖ Why Not Pensacola?
- ❖ Poorest of the poor, admission via lottery
- ❖ 7 day boarding school, parental visits on Sunday afternoons
- ❖ Parents keep entitlement checks
- ❖ Intense focus on academics, social skills
- ❖ Potential sites-OLF Saufley, Current other Property re-purposed, Yniestra or Co-locate near GLA for economy of scale?





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- ❖ FTE funding, Social Service funds, grants, combined with corporate contributions
- ❖ Current entitlements pay close to what this would cost
- ❖ Rolling Start, year one 20 1<sup>st</sup> Graders
- ❖ Year two, 20 1<sup>st</sup> graders, 20 second graders.



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## Budget?

- ❖ \$600,000 year one (20 students @ \$30K each)
- ❖ Additional \$600,000 yearly, as new grade levels added
- ❖ When fully implemented, year 12, Gr 1-12, budget of \$7,200,000
- ❖ Washington DC, LAUSD spend almost \$30K per student currently\*
- ❖ Many Boarding Schools less than \$30K (list of 10 under \$20K) here:

<http://privateschool.about.com/od/usschoolsonline/tp/boardingunder20k.htm>

\* <http://www.cato.org/blog/census-bureau-confirms-dc-spends-29409-pupil>



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## Benefits?

- ❖ In time, entire generation can be saved from dysfunction which limits their opportunities in life
- ❖ Stability outside of School
- ❖ Intense focus on social skills
- ❖ Concentrated utilization of existing social welfare funds for a specific, desperate need
- ❖ Break the cycle of concentrated, social dysfunction limiting students' opportunities
- ❖ Scalable if successfully implemented-save many kids!



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- ❖ Something Radical and Different Must be done
- ❖ Why Not Pensacola?
- ❖ Why Not Now?
- ❖ Request "Closing the Achievement Gap" task force look at this idea for local feasibility







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## DISCUSSION

