POVERTY IS THE GREATEST BARRIER TO A DEGREE

Jobs that require postsecondary education.



Students from the lowest income households, nationally, who complete a bachelor's degree within 6 years of high school graduation.

30% MC STUDENTS WHO HAVE **PELL GRANTS**

\$27,000 Average household income for Federal Pell grant recipients.

PELL IS NOT ENOUGH



Per Semester



Average Pell Per Semester



FINANCIAL AID APPLICATIONS AT MC



DEBT LOAD UP 154% AT MC



FY09 TOTAL LOANS \$8,474,567



\$21,604,689

PART TIME MAKES IT HARDER



ONLY 7.8%

of part time students, nationally, complete an associate's degree within 4 years of high school graduation.

65% OF MC STUDENTS ATTEND PART TIME

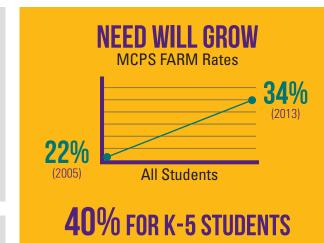
7.000 STUDENTS

WHO QUALIFIED FOR GRANTS BUT DID NOT RECEIVE ONE DID NOT ENROLL AT MC

= 3 MCPS HIGH SCHOOLS



Little or no financial aid for noncredit job training programs.





A GOOD INVESTMENT 77% of MC Grads stay local and enter the county workforce.