The Compact’s Vision
Launched in October 2011 by Mayor Hancock, the Denver Education Compact (The Compact) is a collaboration between 20+ key Denver institutions to create a robust educational continuum for Denver’s youth, from cradle to career − where all students enter kindergarten prepared, graduate high school prepared, complete a postsecondary pathway and obtain a job. Part of this vision is that the City and County of Denver will attain and retain its educated workforce.

The Compact’s Two Goals Span the Educational Continuum

GOAL 1: 90% of third-grade students will be reading at grade level by 2017.
GOAL 2: To increase the number of high school students who complete a postsecondary pathway and obtain a job.

How Do We Get There?
The Compact has chosen specific strategies to achieve its goals.

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The Compact has chosen to focus on improving the critical transition between preschool and kindergarten, with a special emphasis on teacher preparation, information exchange, and parental engagement. The Compact plans to focus its efforts in
GOAL 2: To increase the number of high school students who complete a post-secondary pathway and obtain a job.
The Compact has chosen to focus on developing career pathways for students that focus on easing the transitions between educational systems and enable students to obtain a job with a living wage.

The Compact’s Board Members
The Compact is an unprecedented commitment by major Denver institutions and leaders representing the City, early childhood, K-12, higher education, industry, foundations, nonprofit organizations, and teachers. The Compact focuses on shared vision and goals where all members can work together. The Compact partners include:
• Superintendent, Denver Public Schools
• Mayor, City and County of Denver
• President, Denver Chamber of Commerce
• President, Mile High United Way
• Executive Director, Colorado Education Association
• Institutions of Higher Education (University of Colorado/Denver, Community College of Denver, Metropolitan State College, Denver University)
• Philanthropy (Daniels Fund) Industry (Kaiser Permanente, BBVA Compass, Oakwood Homes, Sage Hospitality)
• Nonprofit (Mile High Montessori, Mi Casa, Urban League of Metropolitan Denver, Denver Center for the Performing Arts)

Other Elected Representatives (State Board of Education, Denver Board of Education)