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## Hartford Summer Melt Initiative

*The College Supports Network (CSN) in Partnership with the Hartford Public School District (HPS) and Consortium College Staff*

### *The Issue*

The HPS class of 2015 had an **88%** college acceptance rate, and only a **54%** enrollment rate. There are many support services available to the students, but too many are not connected with the right resources over the summer, and there is currently no method of seamless transition from high school counselors to college staff.

### *The Solution*

Utilize the HPS exit survey to identify which graduating seniors need extra support over the summer to achieve their college dreams, and arrive at school in the Fall prepared for success. This shared data will enable the CSN, school counselors, and college admissions officers to provide the necessary encouragement and support to individual students.

### *The Desired Outcome*

To increase Fall 2017 Matriculation by **10 percentage points**. This would mean **64%** instead of 54% of HPS students would matriculate, or, of the approximately 900 students who are accepted to college, **576** students instead of 486 students would matriculate. **90** more students would make it to the front door of college.



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## Our Commitments

### Hartford Public Schools

In May, implement several new questions on the existing exit survey that specifically seek to identify students who are college aspirational, but are not in a summer bridge program, and which college they are planning on attending. This data will then be shared with CSN.

### College Supports Network

Once CSN receives the data (Mid-May), they will share lists of accepted students with college personnel identifying which students are most at-risk of summer melt. The list will represent students who: 1) have indicated that they want to attend the specific school; 2) are not currently in a summer bridge program; and 3) are college aspirational, but may have external barriers to their success and fall matriculation. Once college admissions personnel update this list (see next) and return, CSN will conduct further outreach and guidance to individual students.

### Consortium College Staff

Once the list has been received, admissions officers will work with their staff to connect with the specified students in order to establish a relationship, and make sure that the student is on track for fall matriculation. College personnel will identify accepted students who are unresponsive to outreach, accepted but not deposited or otherwise needing further outreach and encouragement and return this to CSN. Prior to Hartford Days, the admissions staff will send a list of students who have been accepted to their school from Hartford.

NOTE: all parties agree that this data needs to be shared in a timely manner as we want as much of this work to be done prior to the end of high school.