

# **The Mission of the Greater Waco Community Education Summit is to develop an understanding that the entire community shares responsibility for educating every citizen.**

*We believe that developing a community expectation of higher education for all students will maximize our quality of life and enhance our economic future. We will engage the education, business, parent, student, and community leadership to create, lead, and implement a plan of action for ensuring all students' educational achievement.*

To that end, we make the following assumptions:

1. The most valuable and cost-effective time to invest in education is between birth and the age of five.
2. Reading on grade level by Grade 3 is critical to future education success.
3. Mastering mathematics fundamentals through Algebra I is a minimal requirement for high school graduation and postsecondary success.
4. All students must be prepared for postsecondary success by the time of their graduation from high school.
5. All youth must graduate from high school, overcoming challenges that discourage academic engagement.
6. Parents and students should be aware of available high school-to-postsecondary paths and financial aid options.
7. Financial resources should not be a barrier to postsecondary success.
8. The Community should understand the region's secondary and postsecondary success rates and develop support programs to encourage the highest rates of successful completion.