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**“Pre-K eliminates the achievement gap for us at a very, very young age, all the way to AP, which is the other end of the spectrum.”**

## LESSONS FROM A LEADER

### >> **Prioritize Early Education**

Early-childhood education is crucial for eliminating achievement gaps and providing children with the tools they need to succeed in every year of school.

### >> **Focus on At-Risk Students**

Take responsibility for helping every student reach his or her highest potential, and use appropriate interventions at every step of the way to support students.

### >> **Make High School Rigorous**

Design courses that truly prepare students for college and ensure that they can enter their first year of higher education without the need for remedial courses.