

Mesa Achieves Higher Education Task Force Recommendations for Mesa City Council

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Appointed in May 2019 by Mayor Giles to:

Examine

- the state of post secondary Education in Arizona and deeper into Mesa

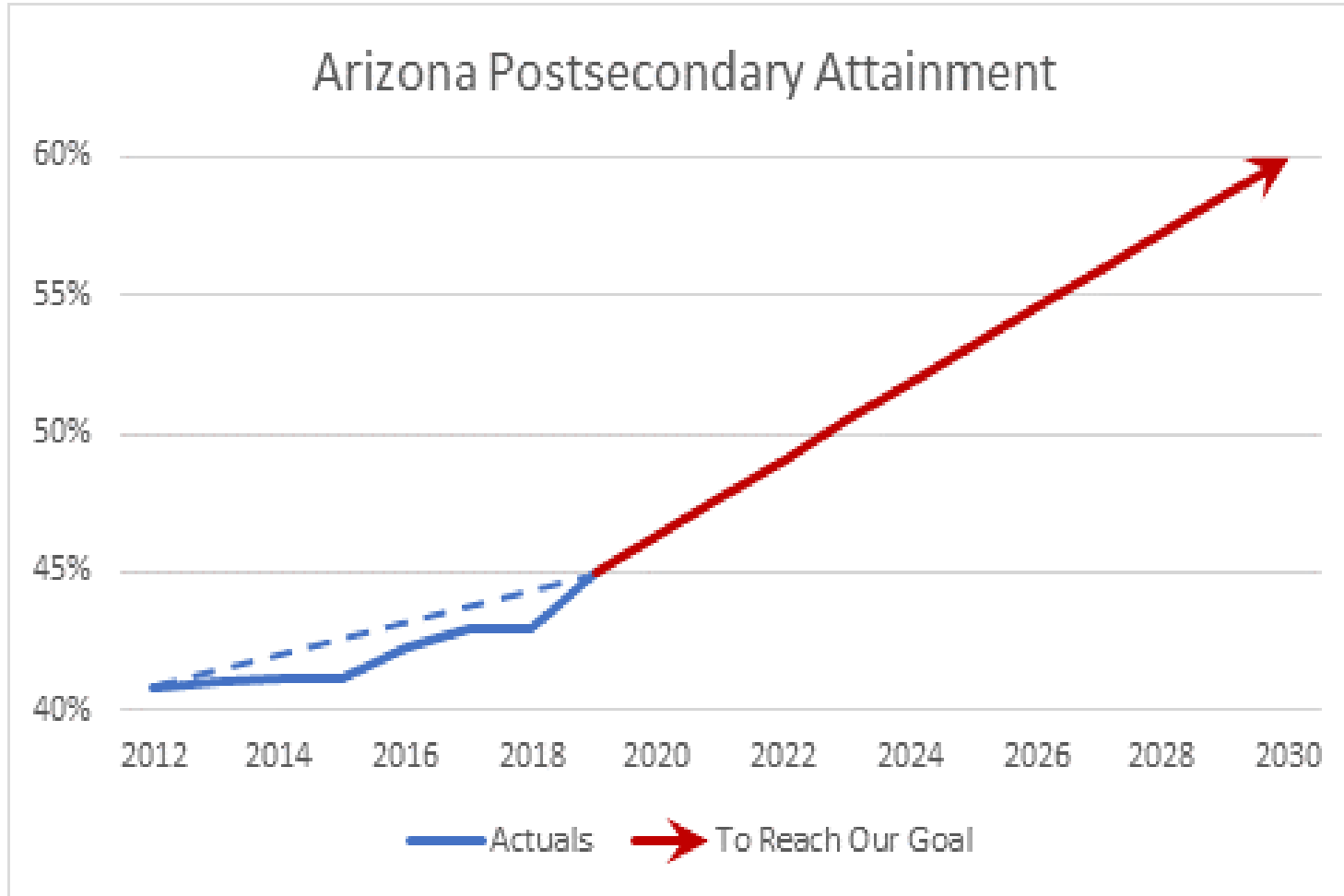
Determine

- how Mesa can adopt the Achieve60 AZ strategy to align with State Education Goal of 60% by 2030

Recommend

- specific steps to impact post secondary success of our MPS graduates now

WHY? BECAUSE Arizona's Attainment is in jeopardy.....



1,000,000 more adults
with *credentials in the
STATE

At least **135,000**
credentials in Mesa
alone

*License
Degree
Or
Certification



Attainment is:

A Degree

A License

A Certification

Mesa Attainment Data



Mesa has similar attainment challenges as the entire state



Only 35% of Mesa's are credentialed beyond HS



45K residents who need to start earning a credential beyond high school



75K residents need to finish a credential (started college or cert)

Task Force Recommendations



Desired next Steps



Convene

Convene the
Achieve60 AZ steering
team



Adopt

Adopt specific Action
steps to meet
Achieve60AZ goal of
60% by 2030



Design

Design “Mesa Promise
Campaign” structure
Develop Mesa specific
data Dashboard
Keep FAFSA efforts
going
Determine S/E Support
needs



Report

Report back to Council
for direction



Questions

or feedback or comments