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## **TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF BUSINESS ENDORSES COMMUNITIES IN SCHOOLS**

**TARRANT COUNTY** –. The Texas Association of Business (TAB) has recently endorsed the non-profit group Communities In Schools (CIS). TAB represents over 3,000 business members and has been the state’s most influential business association for over 85 years in both Austin and Washington. Along with endorsing CIS, TAB is also asking legislators to “increase funding for CIS during the 83rd Legislative Session.”

CIS has a 98% success rate and helped over 23,000 students last year alone. Bill Hammond, President and CEO of TAB, stated that CIS “has historically reduced absenteeism, modified high risk behaviors, engaged parents, and increased promotion and graduation rates, unlike any other program. In reality, there is no other comprehensive education related non-profit group which is as outcome oriented and reputable as CIS.”

Hammond also expressed his belief that CIS is “driven toward long term gains- converting prospective tax users into prospective tax payers.” Mike Steele, President and CEO of CIS, explains that for the first time recent research has been able to provide a numerical figure to these long term gains, and for every dollar invested into CIS the quantified economic return is \$13.30. In addition to endorsing CIS, TAB has also included CIS in their 2013 Legislative Priorities Booklet found on their website at [www.txbiz.org/](http://www.txbiz.org/).

### **About Communities In Schools of Tarrant County**

Communities In Schools of Tarrant County is a 501c3 non-profit that is part of a national network of CIS programs serving more than 1.2 million students. CIS is placed in 40 schools across 9 Tarrant County school districts this year, serving students who are identified by their schools as most at-risk of dropping out. CIS serves not only students, but their families, assessing their unique needs and working with more than 80 community partner organizations to connect the students with the resources they need to address a wide range of issues.

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