

# Archived Information

## Schematic from Table 2 – Public Engagement

### I. Issue

“Confronting negative attitudes and perceptions about math to promote achievement and make the study of mathematics more inclusive (for minorities, women, etc.)”

### II. Ideal

“Everyone (including adults) sees the value of math in society; the status of STEM is elevated in the public sphere”

### III. Barriers

- Changing culture is a long-term process
- Absence of current leadership, political will
- Parents who are not/have not been engaged
- Perception of the problem as one of rational decision-making to take math, whereas it is often an emotional/psychological barrier
- Media images and misunderstanding of relevant issues
- Cultural standards

### IV. Opportunities for Coordination

- Public/private partnerships, especially with industry
- Political leadership
- Informal environments (e.g. museums, media (esp. alternative media))

### V. Strategies

<u>What</u>	<u>Who</u>	<u>Level</u>
-Media campaign	-Government leadership	F/L
-Public-private partnerships	-Business/entertainment -Schools and universities -Government bodies	N/L L F/L
-Informal engagement of adults	-Miscellaneous groups	N/L
-Encouraging long-term planning, measurements	-Miscellaneous groups	F/N/S/L

### VI. Existing resources

- Media outlets
- Current political leadership
- Educational organizations
- Corporate foundations
- Experience w/ previous “culture change” campaigns (e.g. anti-smoking programs)
- Reallocating current financial resources