

It's about time that

# Michigan Achieves



The Education Trust—Midwest

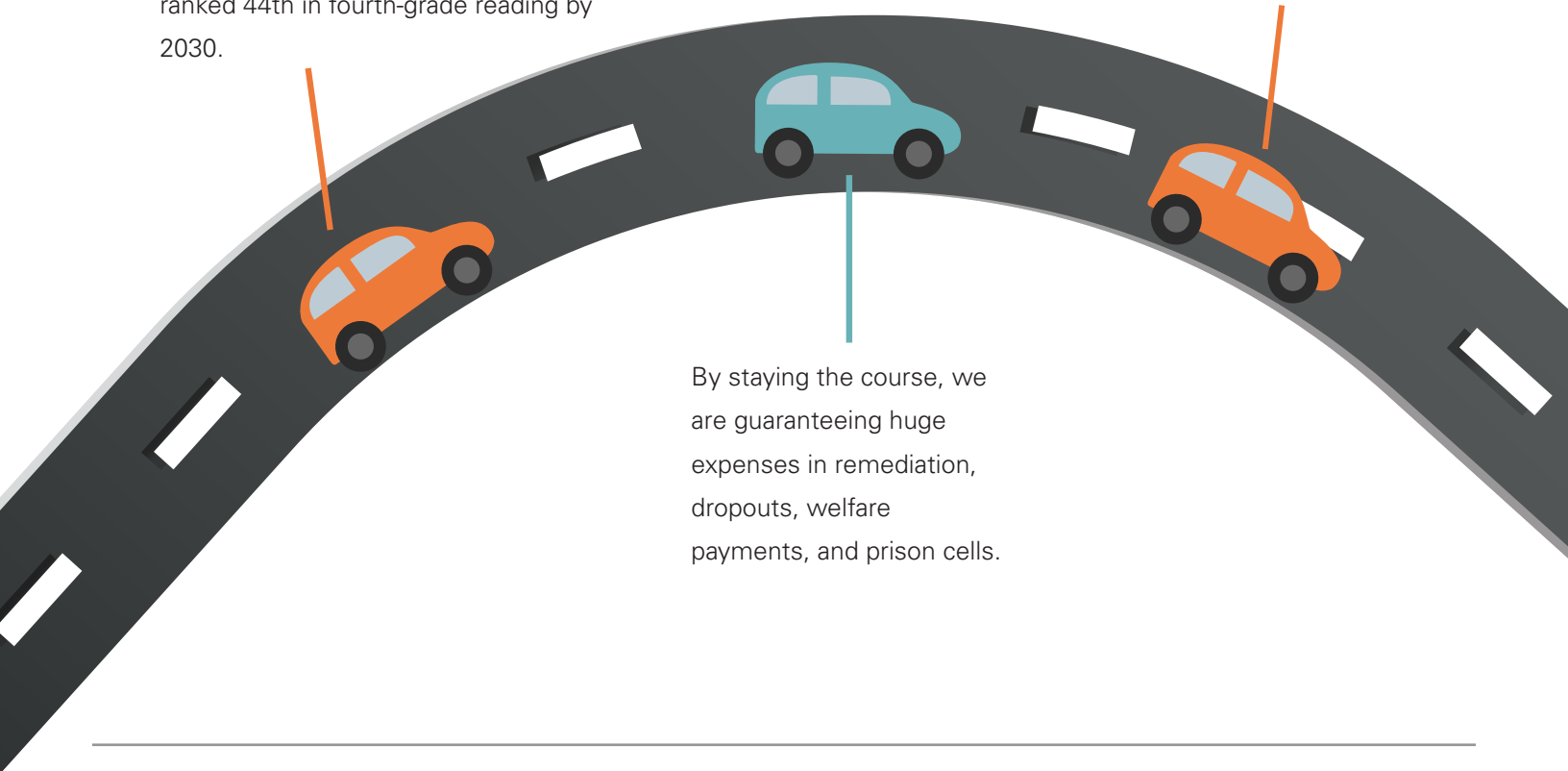
In **2030**, today's kindergartners will be a few years out of high school. There will be more than **5 million jobs in Michigan**, needing well-educated, critical thinking employees to fill them. The poor performance of many Michigan schools means that **most of them won't be ready**.

For our kids, our economy, and our future – we must improve our schools. We can be a **top ten education state** by 2030 if we put in the hard work and invest in the most proven strategies to accelerate learning progress.

Since 2003, Michigan has fallen from 28th in the nation to 38th in fourth-grade reading.

If we don't choose a new path, we'll be ranked 44th in fourth-grade reading by 2030.

If we don't invest now, our growing industries will have to reach beyond Michigan to find the majority of their skilled workers.



Michigan leaders and citizens can act and invest now – or we can pay later, with our children's futures and our taxpayer dollars.

**The good news is, we know how to become a top ten education state!**

**Leading education states like Massachusetts and Tennessee have shown us that it's possible.**

**It all starts with improvement.**

We lay out concrete next steps to become a top improvement state within the next five years.

**Why now?**

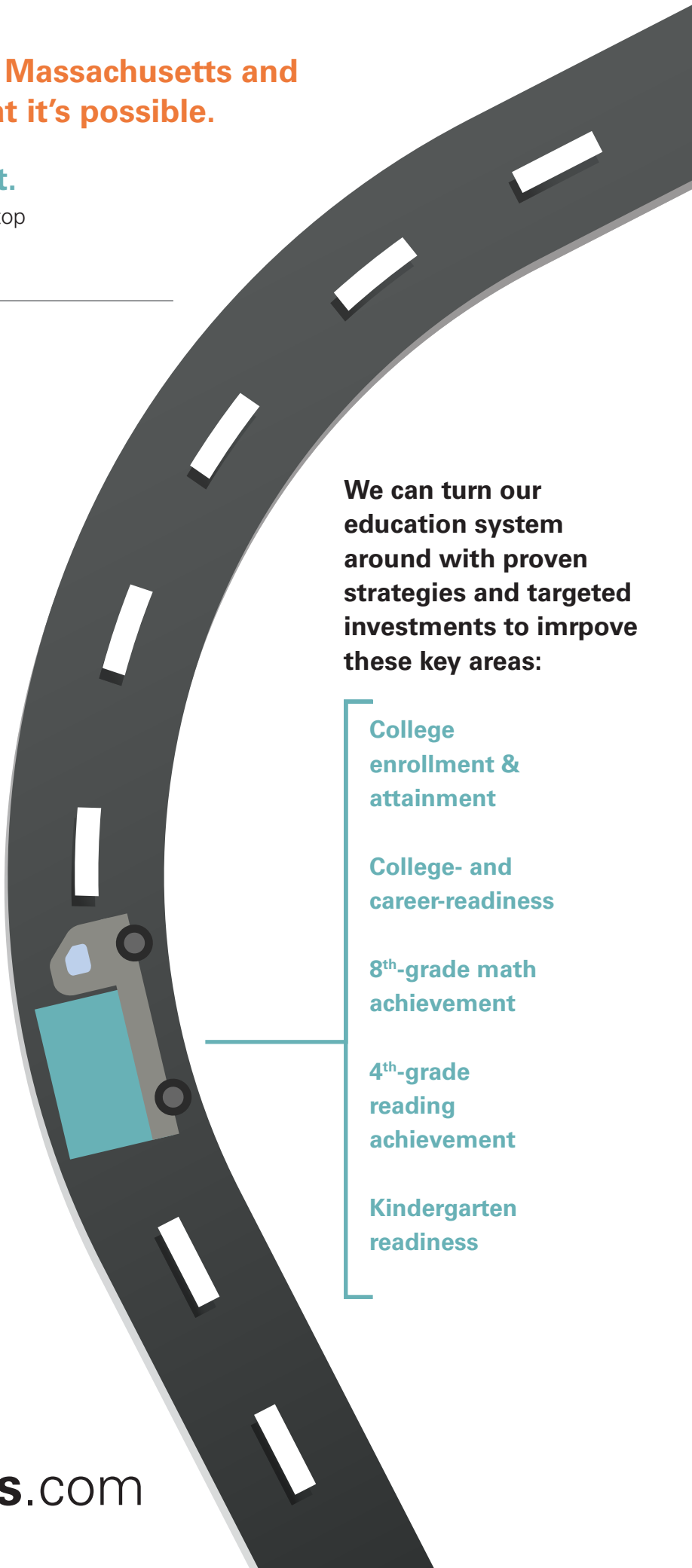
Michigan can choose to maintain the status quo and become one of the nation's worst states for public education. This would deprive our children and state of opportunities to learn and thrive in a globally competitive world. Or together, we can choose to become one of the nation's top ten education states.

**The road to being a top ten education state is clear.**

**Let's start driving!**

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**We can turn our education system around with proven strategies and targeted investments to improve these key areas:**

**College enrollment & attainment**

**College- and career-readiness**

**8<sup>th</sup>-grade math achievement**

**4<sup>th</sup>-grade reading achievement**

**Kindergarten readiness**