



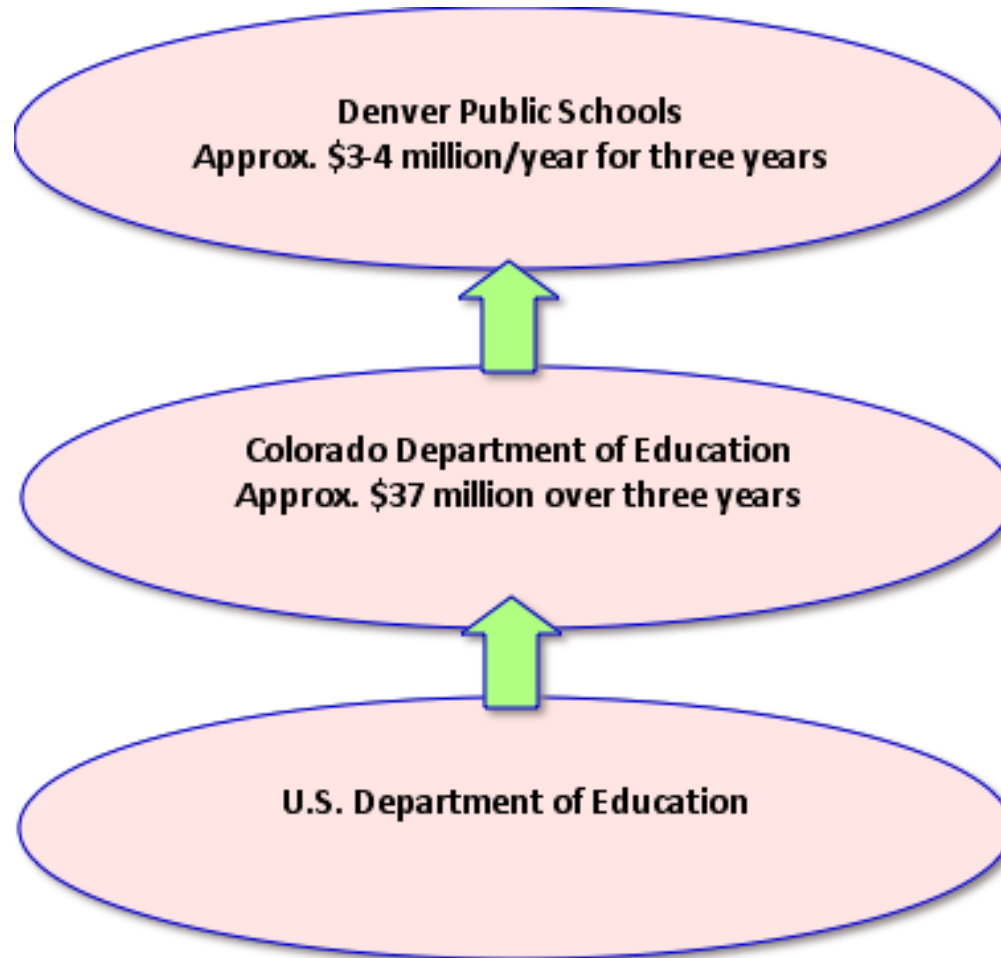
Denver Public Schools

Continuous Improvement in Denver Public Schools: Success Takes Courage and Commitment

FNECC

April 6, 2010

Local and National Incentive to Turnaround Low-Performing Schools*



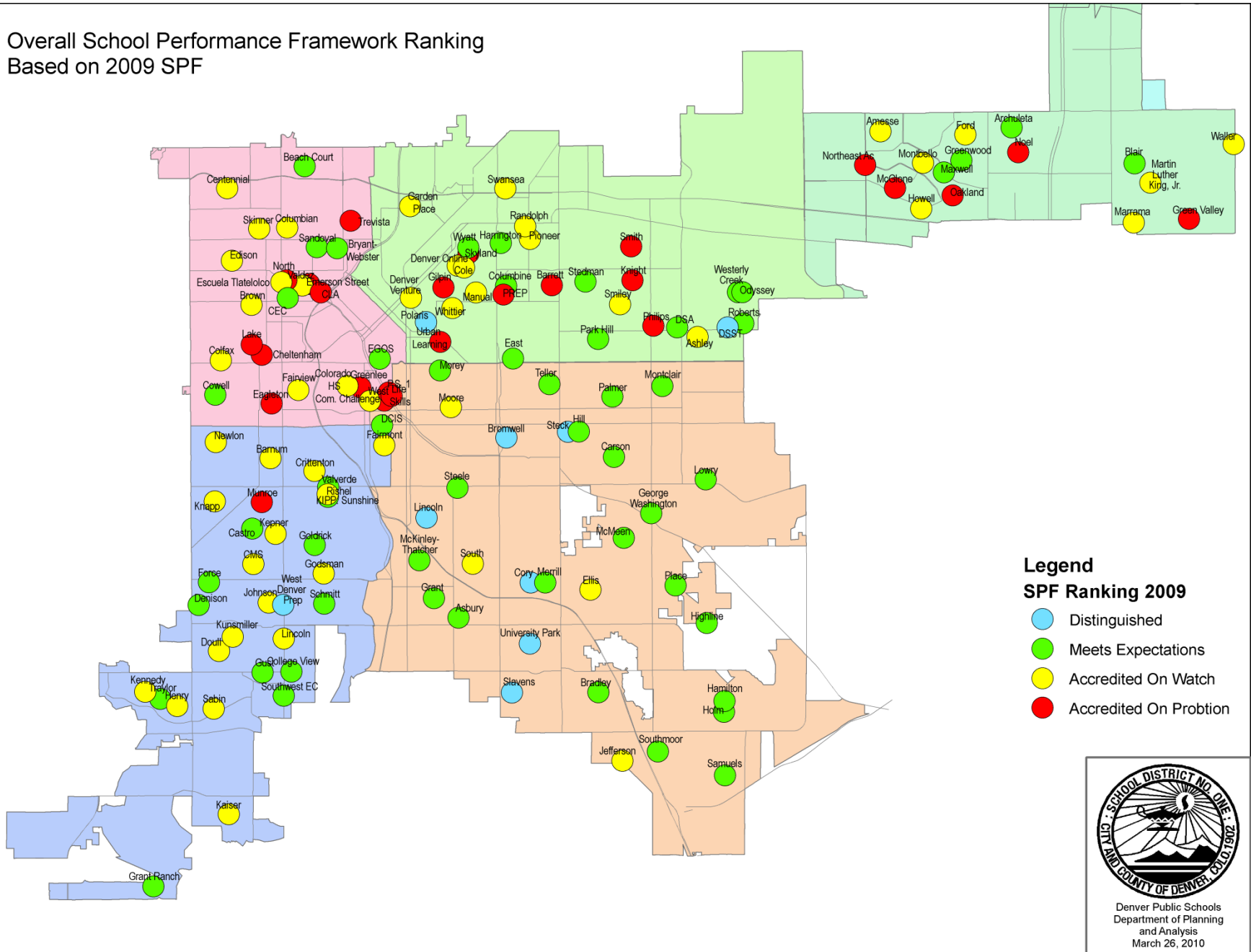
*These are the projected amounts. Funding goes only to those schools identified by the U.S. Department of Education as the lowest five percent of schools in the nation in terms of performance. In order to obtain funding, the district must develop a successful turnaround proposal for each school to be approved by the Colorado Department of Education.

DPS Turnaround Imperative: Federally-Approved Turnaround Interventions

INTERVENTION	DETAIL
School Improvement: Turnaround	Dramatic changes in a school's staff and instructional program, including hiring a new principal and at least 50% new staff, in addition to being provided with targeted support
School Improvement: Transformation	Focused improvement in a school's instructional program, as well as hiring some new staff and possibly a new principal, in addition to being provided with targeted support
Replacement: Re-start	Restarting a school with a new school, which may be approved through the Call for Quality Schools process
Replacement: Closure	Students who attend are enrolled in other schools that are higher achieving. School may be replaced with a new school, which may approved through the Call for Quality Schools process. Due to projected enrollment trends, no closure of school facilities is anticipated.

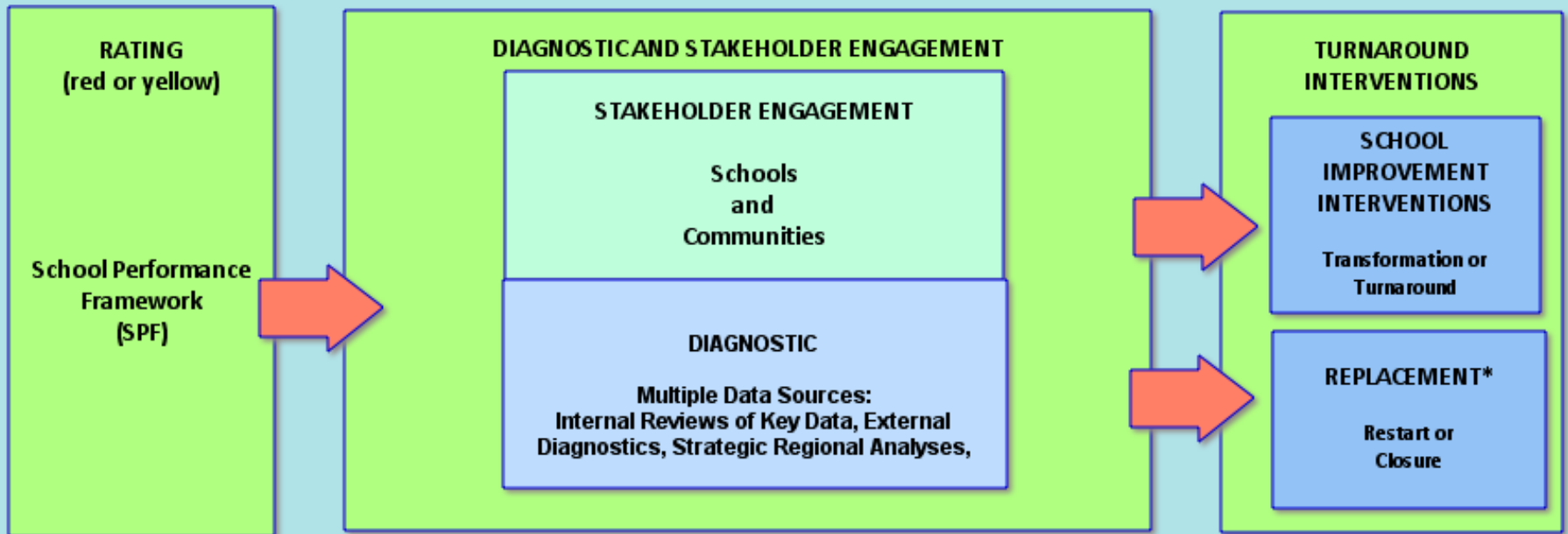
How are the schools in the Far Northeast performing?

Overall School Performance Framework Ranking
Based on 2009 SPF



DPS Turnaround Imperative: A Process for Targeted and Transparent Decision-Making

CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT IN ALL DPS SCHOOLS



*New schools approved through the Call for Quality Schools process may be suitable replacements for turnaround schools.

DPS New School & Turnaround Process in FNE: April- June 2010

- FNECC - identify values and “principles” for improving FNE schools, which inform district recommendations.
- Schools under consideration for turnaround include those rated *Accredited on Watch* and *Accredited on Probation* on SPF
- External diagnostics - Colorado Department of Education for these Far Northeast schools:
 - Montbello HS
 - Ford ES
 - Noel MS
 - McGlone ES
 - Oakland ES
- Federal Dept. of Education in collaboration with the Colorado Department of Education identifies Denver Public Schools eligible to receive federal turnaround funds. We expect the list of schools to be finalized by end of this week. We believe it is possible that the list may include these Far Northeast schools:
 - Montbello HS
 - Noel MS
- Call for Quality Schools: FNE Interest
 - As of April 2010, schools that submitted letters of intent for Far Northeast include:
 - Da Vinci Academy
 - Denver Center for International Studies
 - KIPP Elementary School
 - The KEY School of Denver
 - SOAR
 - Schools previously approved and have expressed interest in locating in FNE
 - KIPP (5-8)
 - Envision (6-12)
- Board of Education votes on new school proposals and regional locations end of June

DPS New School & Turnaround Process in FNE: September- November 2010

SEPTEMBER-NOVEMBER 2010

- FNECC-produce a set of recommendations to inform the district's decision making on the policies and strategies for school improvement.
- Staff makes recommendations on turnaround strategies for lowest performing schools and placement for new schools to be opened in 2011-12 school year
- Board of Education votes on turnaround strategies for lowest performing schools and placement for new schools to be opened in 2011-12 school year



Far Northeast Denver Community Committee Meeting

Far Northeast Community Work to Date

FNECC 2010 - How We Got Here

Martin Luther King Jr. Early College Revitalization Plan 2004 - present

Process

Led by FEE
Design low-performing middle school into high-performing 6-12 Early College

Participants

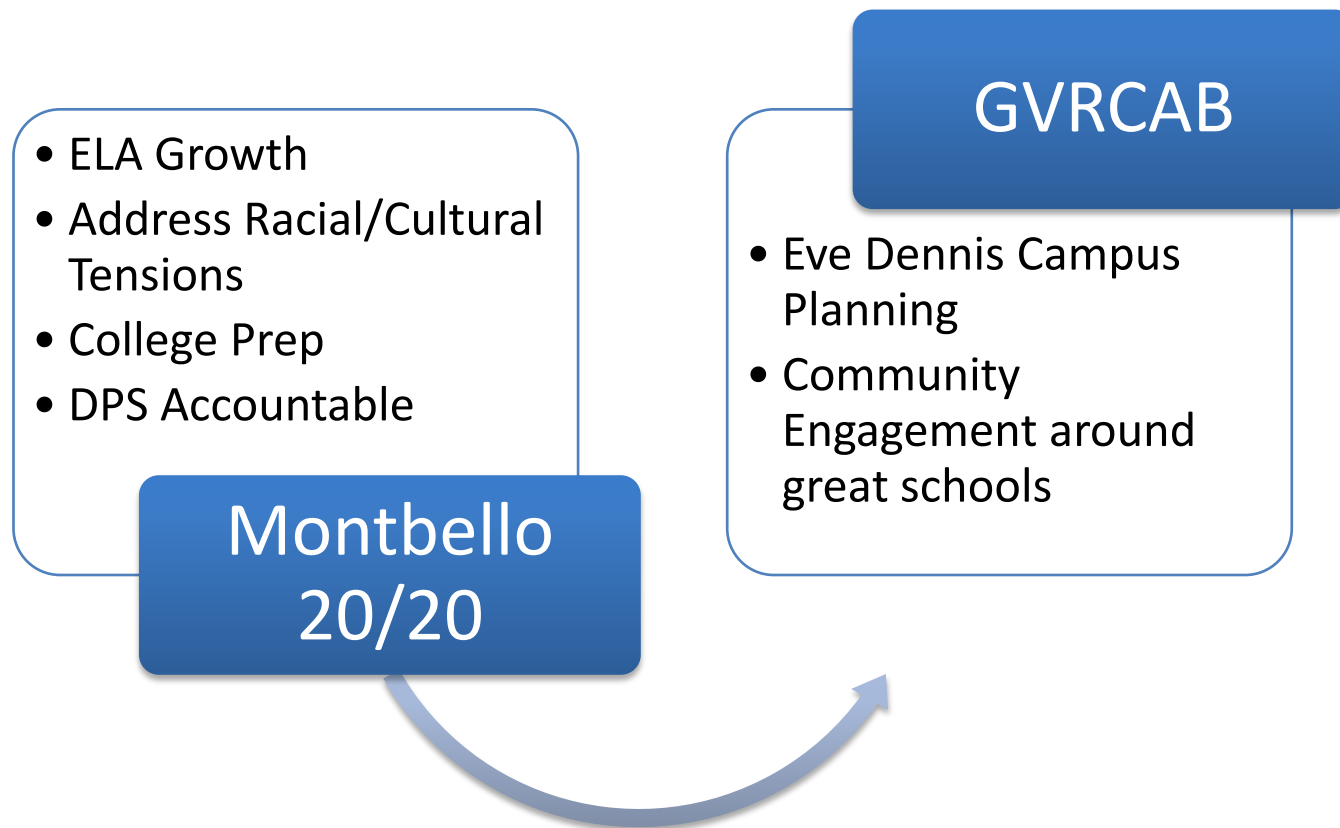
Parents
Community leaders
DPS
students

Outcomes

High School students enrolled 2006
Will graduate first class 2010 – ALL GOING TO COLLEGE
1ST in district 9th graders on track to graduate
Innovation Status – applied for 2010

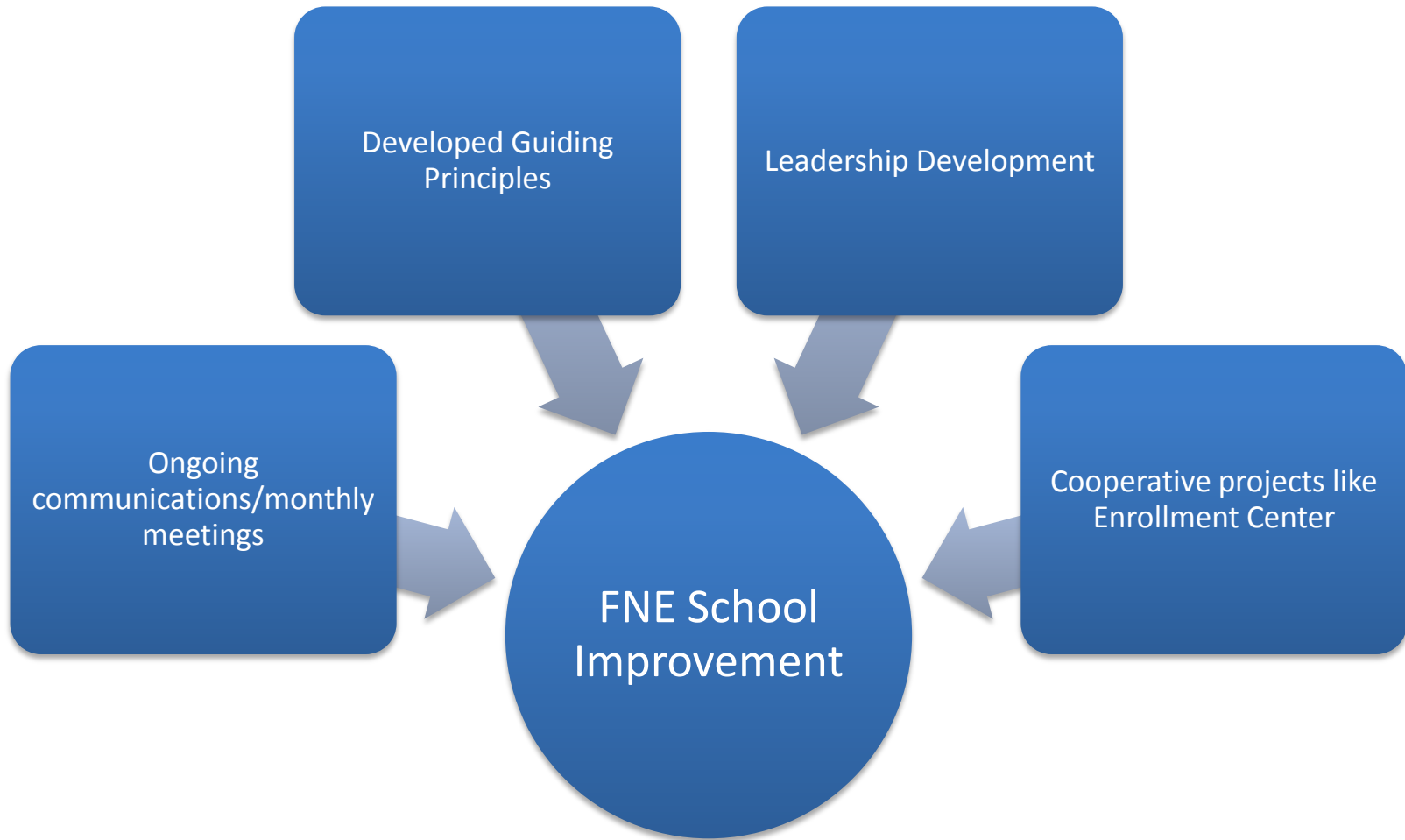
Montbello 20/20, GVR CAB

Education key to community building

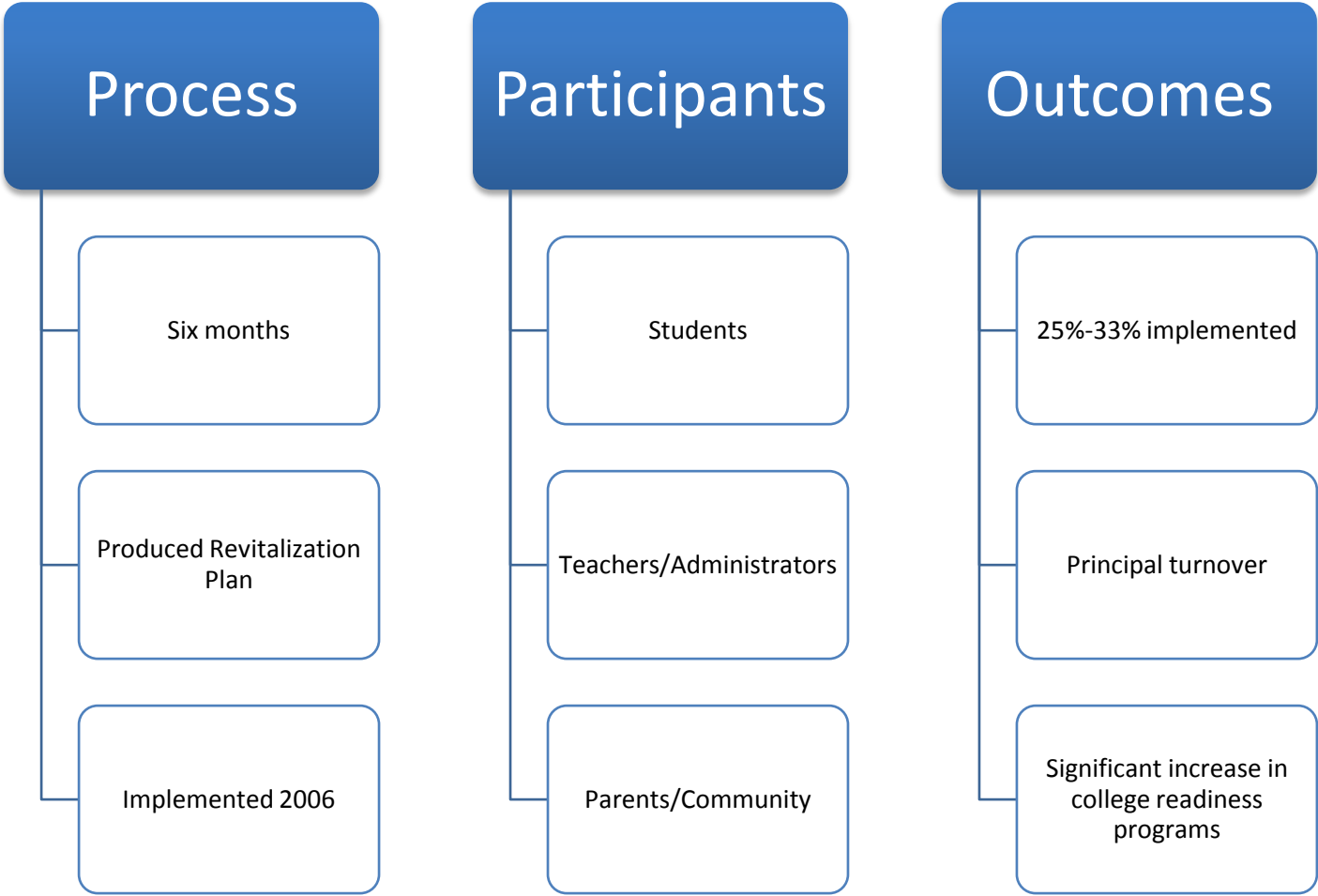


Principals' Leadership Council

2005



Montbello 2006 Revitalization Plan



Montbello High School 2009

Workout 2009

Student Meetings

Outcomes:

Fresh Start

Lack of safety, respect, organization

Poor teaching

Small, high quality autonomous schools in building

Shared athletics, Extracurriculars

What the FNE Community Thinks



FNE Advisory Committee

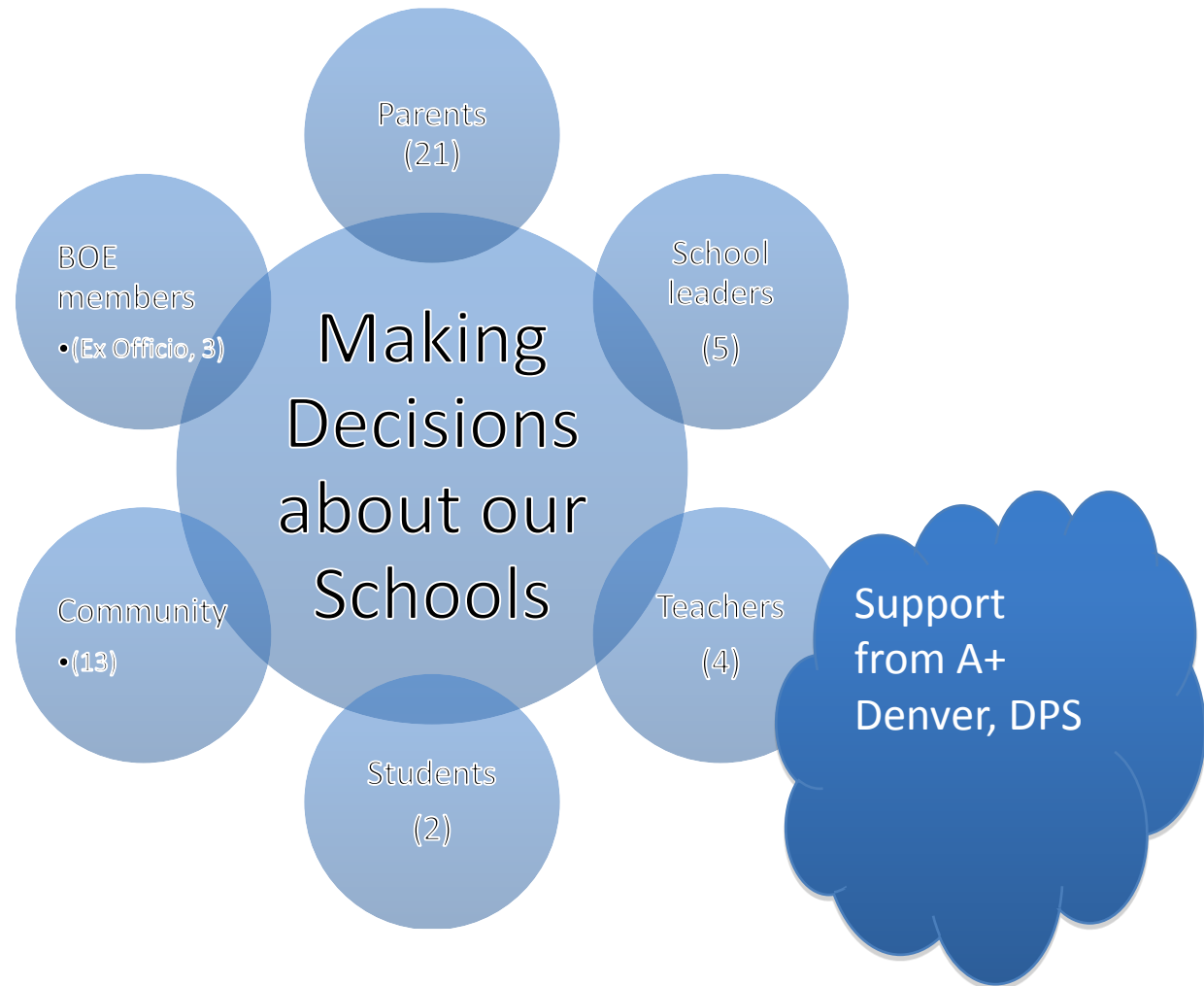
- High Quality Community Engagement
- Data Driven
- Access to Best practices
- Concrete Outcomes

FEE Survey – 2010

- All High performing schools
- Kindergarteners begin ready for school
- All students graduate ready for success in college/life
- Neighborhood Schools
- Community Support

Far Northeast Community Committee

Bringing it all together 2010





Far Northeast Denver Community Committee Meeting