

WA State Board of Education Meeting



Summit District Improvement Initiative

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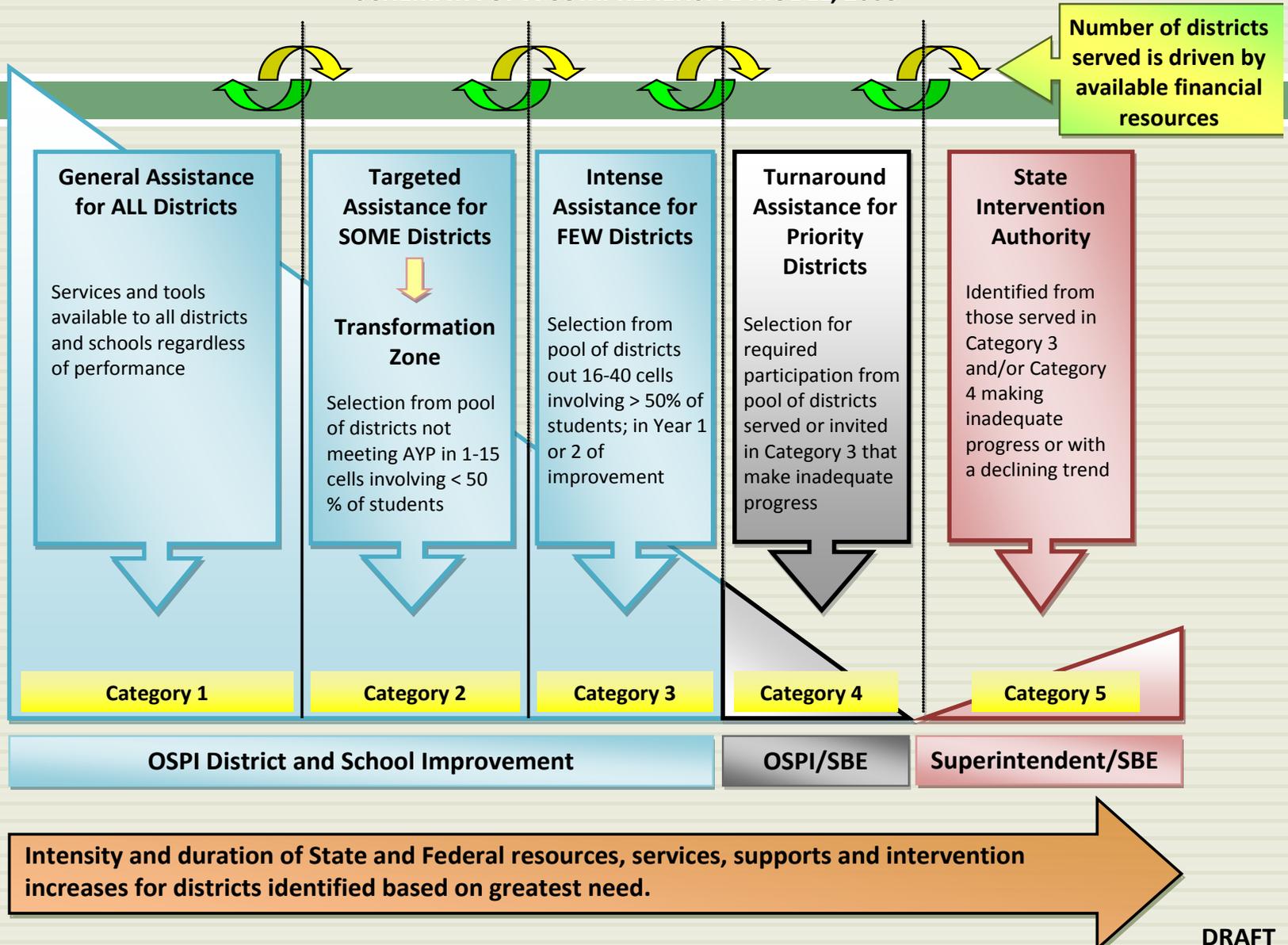
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WASHINGTON'S CONTINUUM OF DISTRICT SUPPORTS, SERVICES & SANCTIONS

SCHEMATA OF A COMPREHENSIVE MODEL, 2008



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- ❑ Increase the capacity of participating districts to accelerate achievement for all students across the district system of schools.
- ❑ Develop and field test Summit Initiative program elements intended to strengthen and expand the knowledge base, tools, and training of WVA educators in support of a systems approach that can, with sufficient funding, be scaled statewide.



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Areas of Focus:

- ❑ Effective Leadership
- ❑ Quality Teaching and Learning
- ❑ Support for System-wide Improvement
- ❑ Clear and Collaborative Relationships

Based on OSPI's Characteristics of Improving Districts



Summit Partners

External Partners

- ❑ Baker Education Research Consultation (The BERCC Group)
- ❑ Center for Educational Effectiveness (CEE)
- ❑ Teachscape
- ❑ WestEd
- ❑ WEA

Cohort One Districts 08-09

- ❑ Mount Adams
- ❑ Mount Vernon
- ❑ Othello
- ❑ Renton
- ❑ Wapato

Cohort Two Districts 09-10

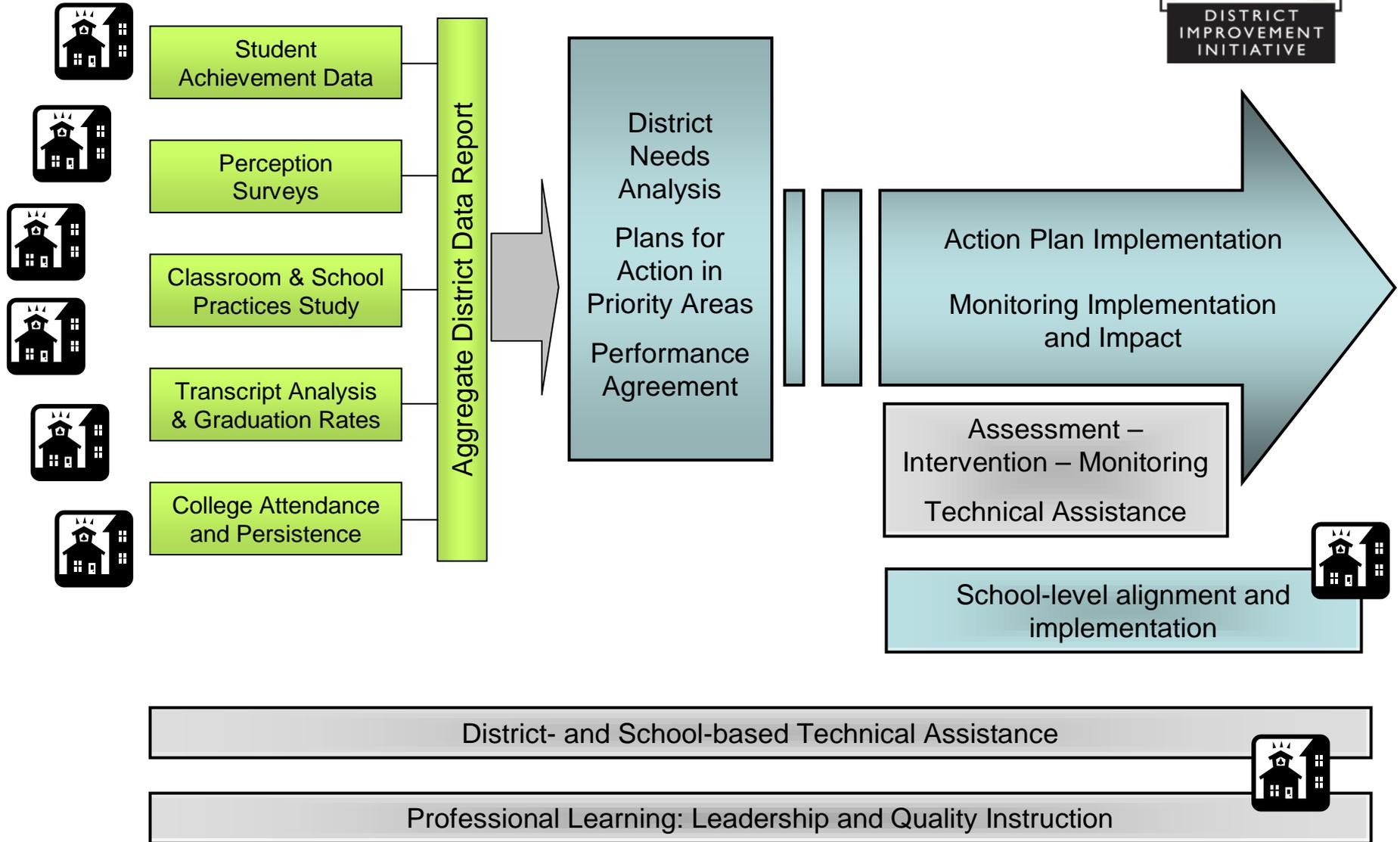
- ❑ Clover Park
- ❑ Sunnyside
- ❑ Tukwila



Supported in 2008 - 2009

- ❑ Foundational professional development for teachers and leaders in high-yield instructional strategies, the use of a classroom walkthrough process and online data collection tools
- ❑ Support for National Board Certificated Teachers
- ❑ District needs assessment and action planning
- ❑ Online tool for monitoring implementation and impact
- ❑ Alignment of school and district efforts
- ❑ Refined use of data for decision-making at the classroom, school and district levels

Summit District Improvement Initiative Year One



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Foundational Professional Development - Effective Leadership & Quality Instruction

- ❑ Classroom walkthrough process: aligned protocol and training for use by school instructional leadership teams
- ❑ Professional development and online tools for instructional leaders and teachers they work with
 - High yield instructional strategies
 - Strategies for teaching ELLs
- ❑ STAR protocol: classroom walks, reflection and lesson planning for teacher teams



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Needs Analysis

- ❑ WASL achievement and growth analysis
- ❑ Perception surveys
- ❑ School-level practices study
- ❑ Classroom observation study
- ❑ College readiness, attendance, and persistence data
- ❑ District-level practices self-assessment
- ❑ Onsite interviews, document review, and focus groups

**Resulting in recommendations
district action**



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Action Planning

- ❑ Stakeholder consensus on three priorities for district action
- ❑ Facilitated action planning with external and local expertise
- ❑ Ongoing technical assistance to support district plans
- ❑ A network for collaboration and learning



Summit voices from the field

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- To what extent is Summit building the capacity of the staff?
- To what extent did the Needs Assessment and Action Planning create a sense of urgency and move the district quickly to action?
- To what extent is this work different than work in the past?
- How do you believe the content, tools and training in Summit could benefit other districts?

