

SC PUBLIC EDUCATION INNOVATION INITIATIVE



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K - 12 Technology

Committee

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BUSINESS VIEWPOINT

EDUCATION & ECONOMIC COMPETITIVENESS

Number one issue for companies looking to expand or locate in S.C. is a **sustainable, educated and highly qualified workforce** that can constantly raise its skills in a globally competitive economy.

PARENTS SAY IT IS TIME FOR CHANGE

Struggling students don't get the attention needed	Teachers are pressured to "teach to the test"	Lack of flexibility for teachers
50%	78%	54%

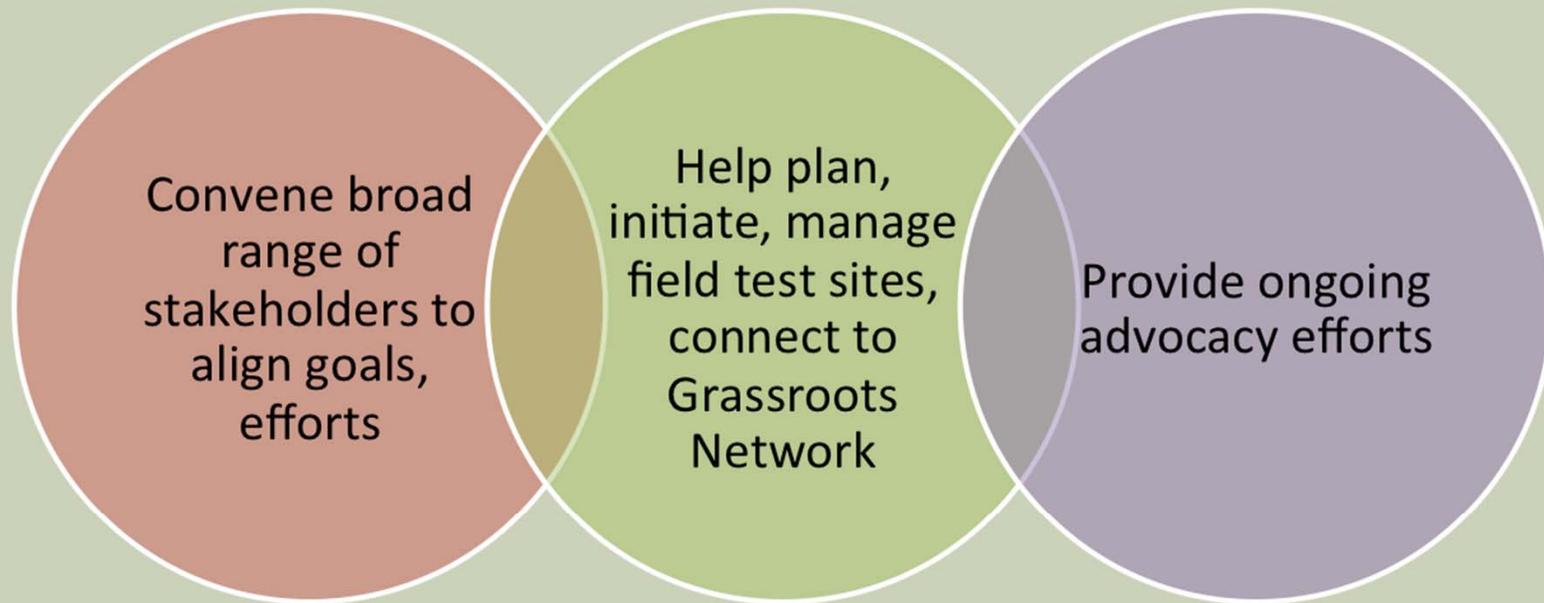
Support increased flexibility, granted students are measurably learning	Skill based learning environment	"We need to rethink how public education works in order to improve it."
72%	63%	74%

LEADING WITH ONE VOICE

- As we examined how SC “Rethinks Schooling” an amazing opportunity emerged.
- Recent extensive polling and focus groups of SC parents, educators and business leaders shows...

*for the first time in decades, **ALL of these groups are in agreement on the challenges we face and the direction we must move.***

A PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP



SUPPORTING PUBLIC EDUCATION INNOVATION

New Carolina

SC Chamber of
Commerce

SC Future Minds

Higher Education

The Riley
Institute

SC Board of
Education

SC
Administrators
Association

SC School Boards
Association

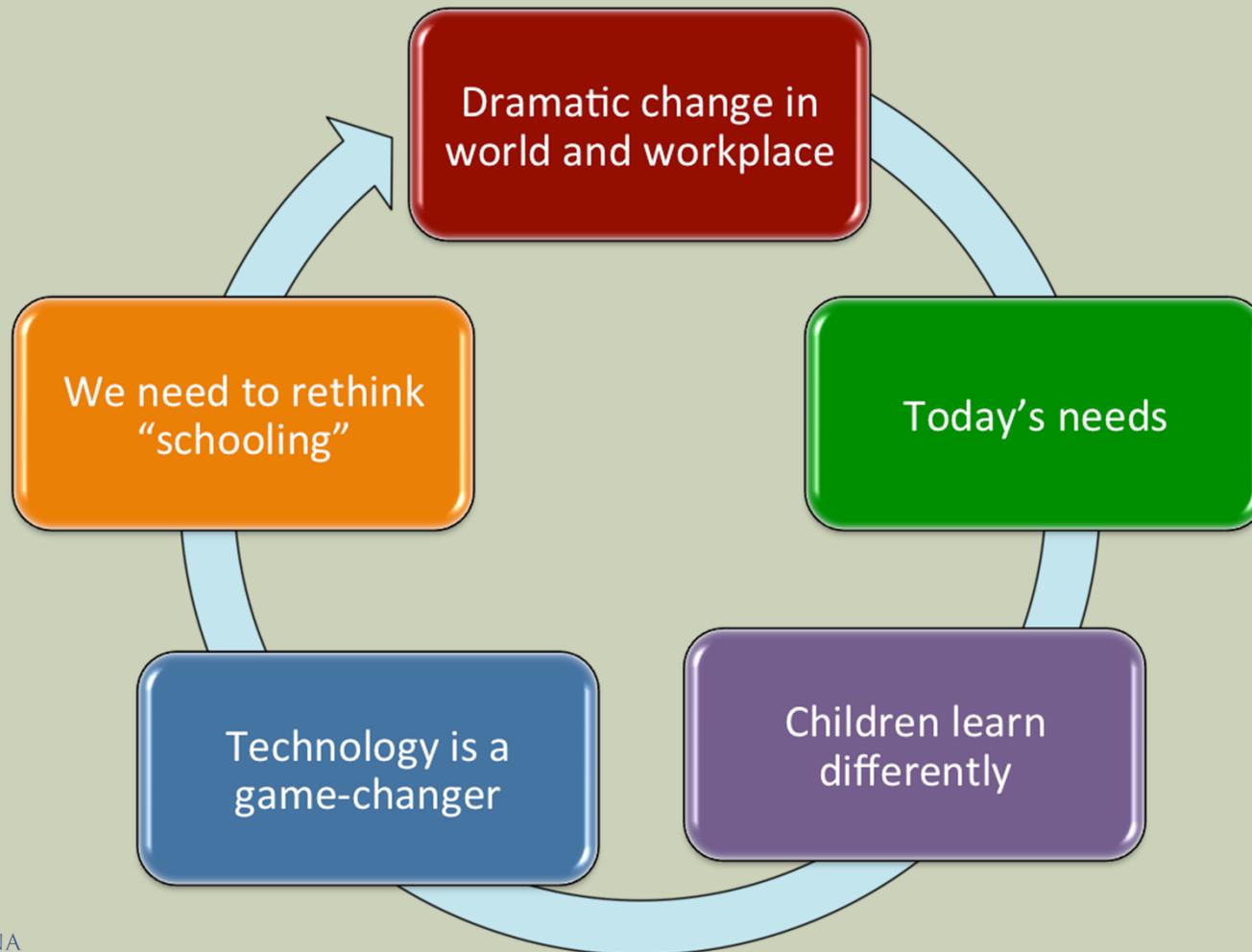
Currently
meeting with
other groups



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SC'S TWO OPPORTUNITIES

Opportunity One:

Our PK-12 system has made great progress over the past ten years, raising our high school graduation rate from below 60% (at 49th in the U.S.) to 74% (within one point of the national average.)

The challenge is that 26% of our students do not graduate, and that is an unacceptable rate for competing in the global economy.



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Opportunity Two:

Many of our high school graduates are not college, career and citizenship-ready. Of the high school graduates entering our technical college system, 41% require remediation before beginning college level courses, at a cost of \$21 million per year to SC taxpayers.

3 ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS

What?

- What do SC graduates need to know and be able to do, and how should we measure their readiness?

Who?

- Who can create new learning approaches that prepare many more youth for success?

How?

- What kinds of conditions, tools and supports do successful education innovators need?



TO BE 21ST CENTURY GLOBALLY COMPETITIVE

- Prepare children ages 0-5 for success in school with a focus on social-emotional development and reading proficiency.
- Enable 90%+ of our students to graduate from high school college, career and citizenship ready.
- Create in South Carolina a culture where education is valued by our leaders, our parents and our students.
- Transform our assembly-line, time-based school system

VISION OF THE GRADUATE

SUPERINTENDENTS' ROUNDTABLE

The **Graduate** of K-12 public schools of South Carolina will be equipped for careers and college, life long learning and civic life in a global, digital and knowledge based world.

Our graduates will be knowledgeable, creative, critical thinkers, problem solvers, collaborators, capable communicators and ethical citizens.

VISION OF THE SYSTEM OF LEARNING

- FLEXIBLE
- PERSONALIZED
- RIGOROUS
- FEWER BOUNDARIES
- BLENDED
- COMPREHENSIVE SUPPORT
- VARIED & AUTHENTIC ASSESSMENT

WE NEED YOUR HELP

1

Provide input on the description of the skills graduates need for your business.

2

Advocate for transforming public education in your community.

3

Contribute to the effort financially.

