

# South Royalton School Annual Meeting

February 29, 2016



0.26%

Increase

\$6,145,145

\$1.40

Projected Tax Rate

Proposed  
Budget

# Budget Changes

S.U. & Special Ed. costs

French, Tech Ed., English Staffing

Athletics

NEASC



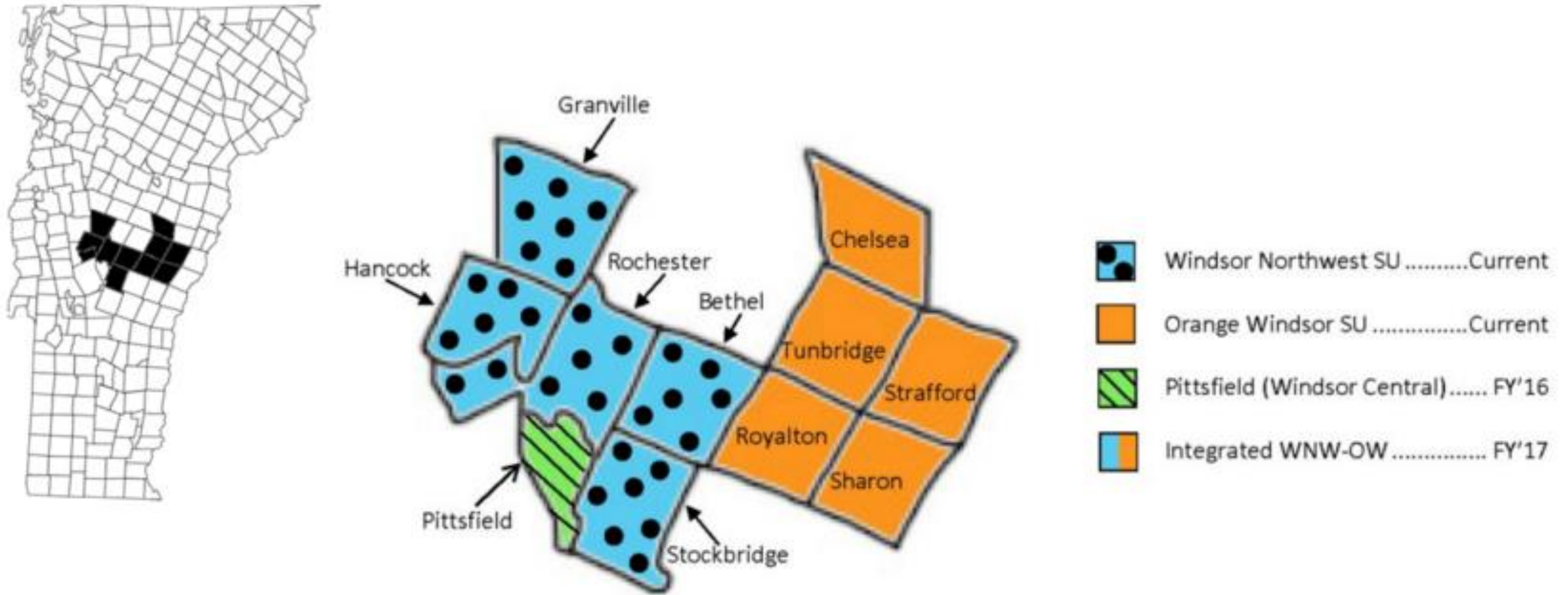
Health care

Elementary, FACS, Art Staffing

Negotiated Salary Increases



# The White River Valley Supervisory Union



Map courtesy of Kerri Lamb, VSBA

# Key Terms



Supervisory Union

District

School



# The Strategic Plan

## What Our Kids Say

[Student Congress and We Surveys]



- Make learning meaningful
- Integrate with more technology
- Expand course offerings
- Demonstrate respect for student interests
- Give us flexible pathways rather than rigid measures of learning

- Connect great teachers with more students
- Create hands-on and applied learning opportunities based on student interests
- Integrate learning that is relevant to today's world through authentic community experiences

# The Strategic Plan

## What Our Staff & Community Say

[We Surveys, Admin. and staff feedback, EDTalk, Board discussions]



# The Strategic Plan

EdTalk

WE Surveys

Student Congress

Board Input

Administrator Vision



**Vision**

**Mission**

Strategic Goal #1

Strategic Goal #2

Strategic Goal #3

Strategic Goal #4

Objective 1-1

Objective 1-2

Objective 1-3

Objective 1-4

Objective 1-5

Objective 2-1

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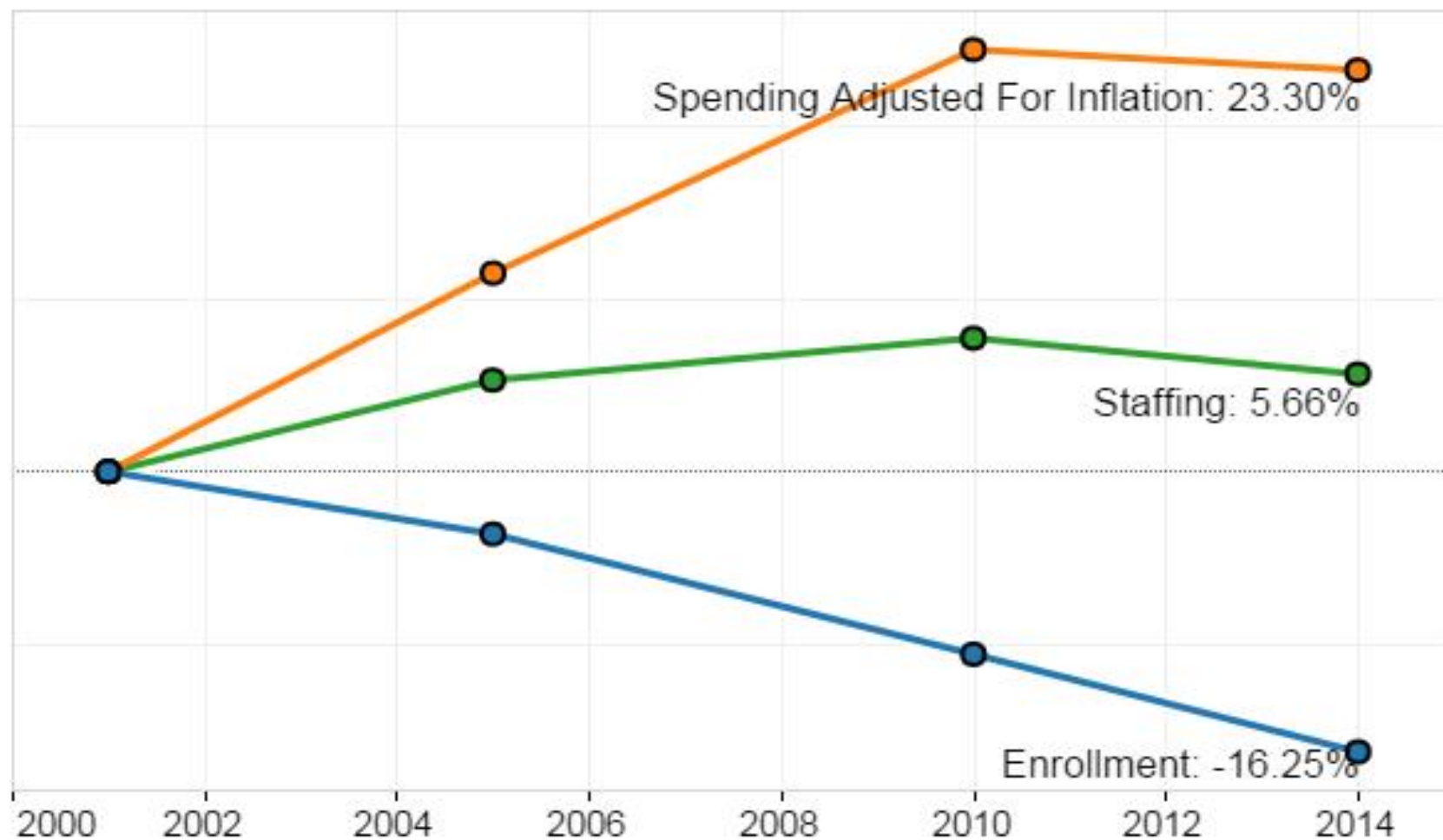
Objective 4-5



# The Great Divide

## Enrollment, Staffing and Spending Trends, 2001-2014

*Hover over a color on the bar graph to see more information. Note that the spending graph compares 2001 spending to 2014 spending, adjusted for inflation.*



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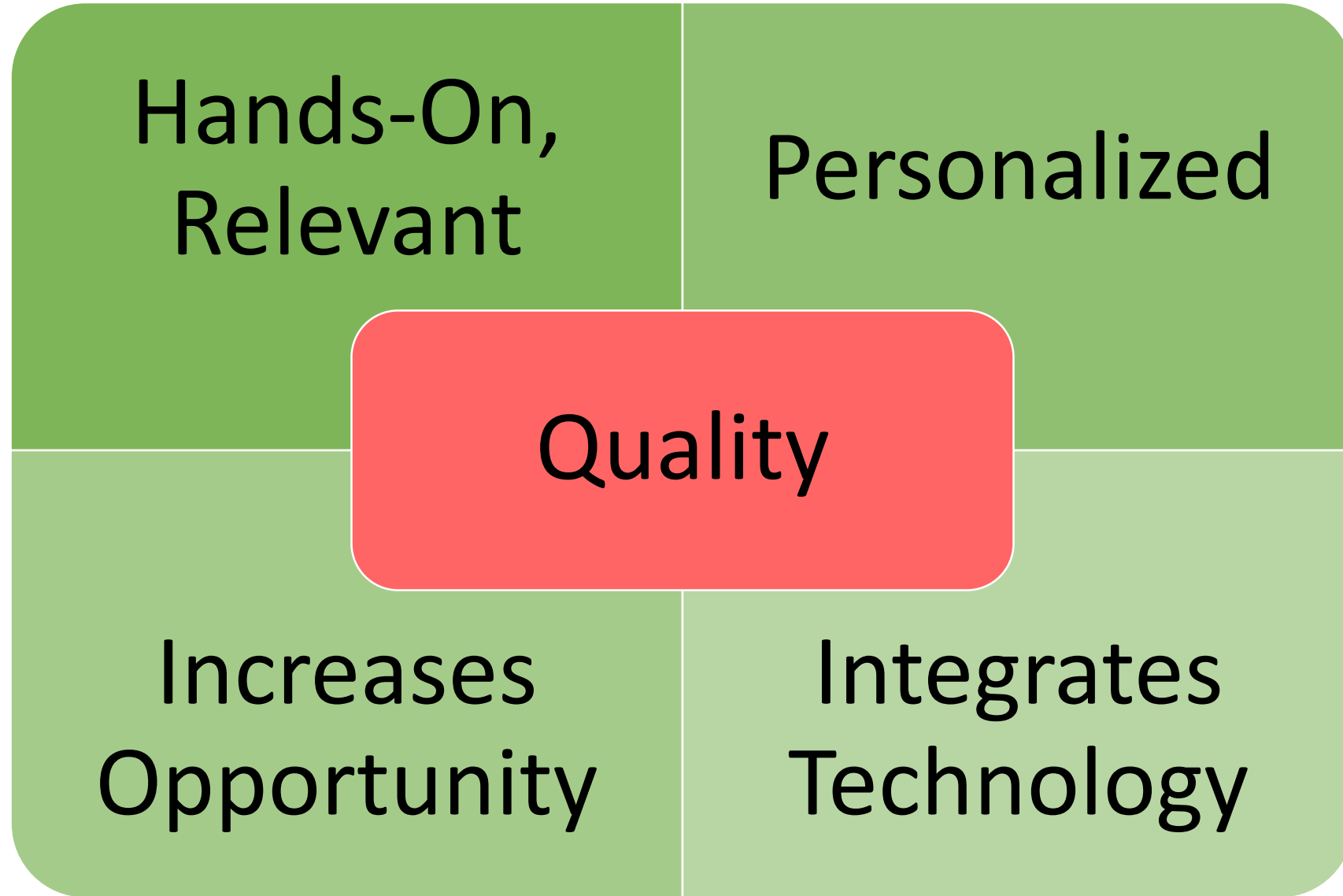


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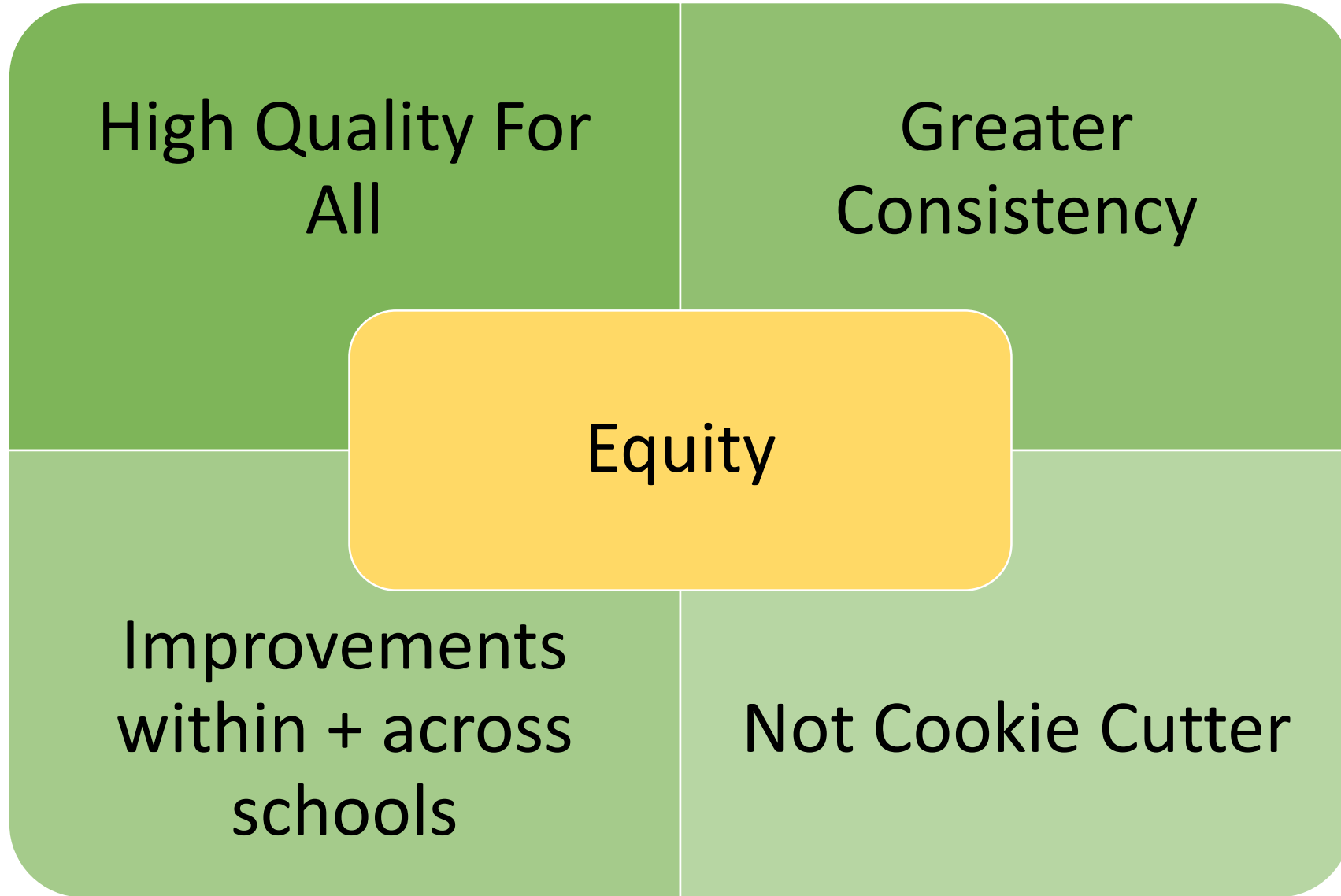
Equity

Sustainability

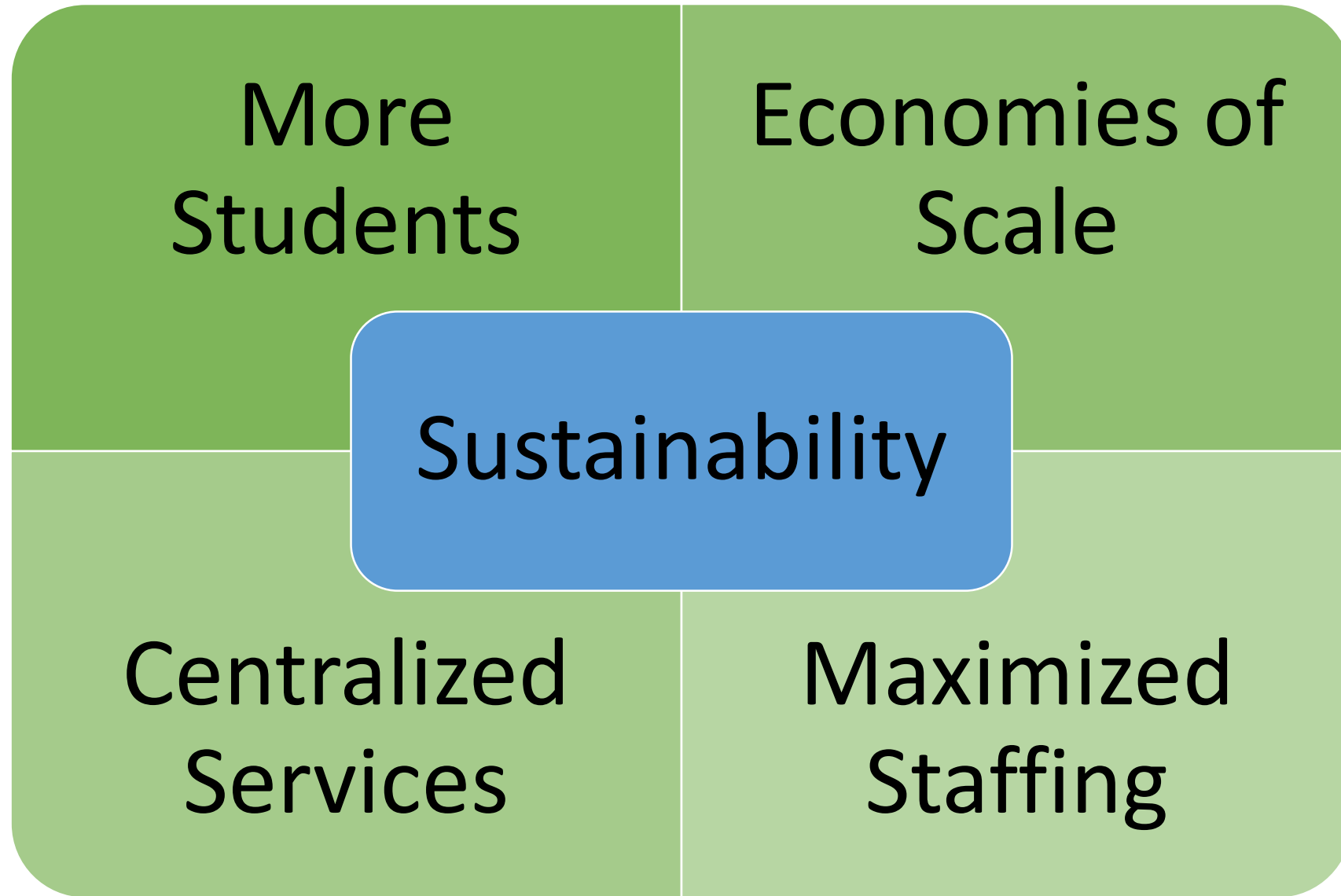
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# Requirements of Act 46

Act 46 calls for the voluntary merging of school districts to create larger systems that are governed by a single board with a single budget.

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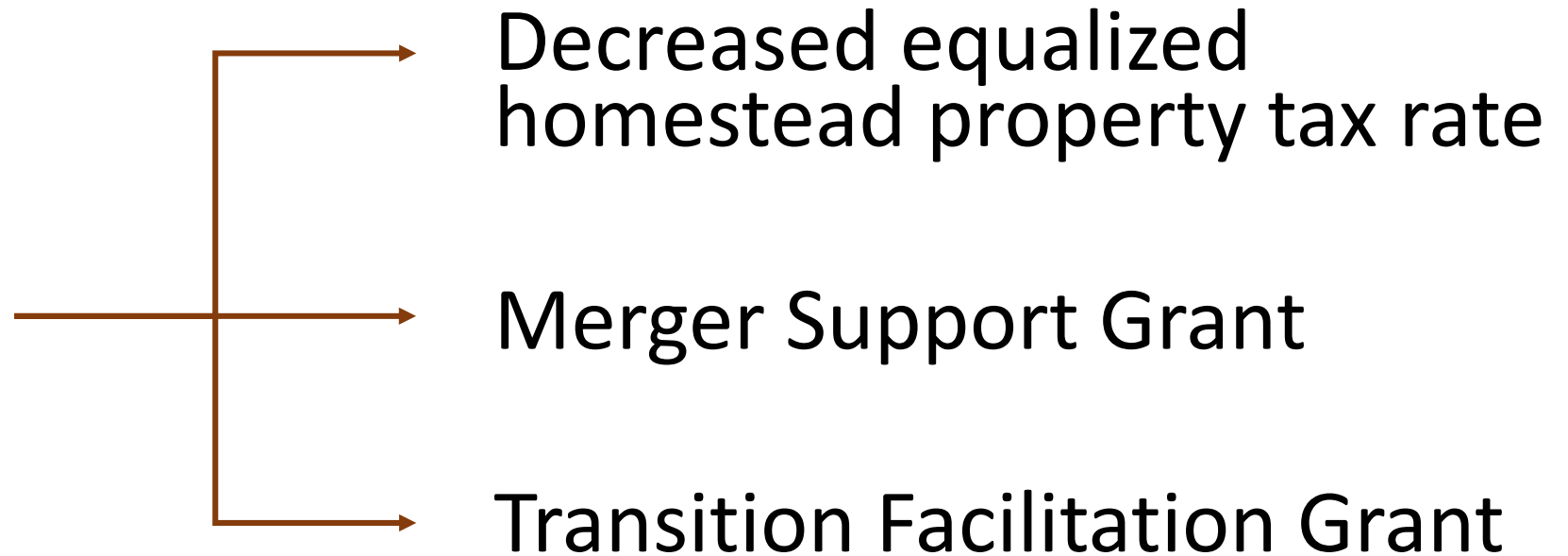
Towns vote on  
new structure

The State may force  
compliance



# The Money Part

## Act 46 Financial Incentives



# A Caution About the Weeds



Mascots ◇ Busing ◇ School Name ◇ School Colors ◇ Building Location  
◇ Travel Times ◇ Traditions ◇ Sports Teams ◇ Meeting Locations ◇  
Budget Votes ◇ Board Representation ◇ Hometown Pride ◇ Family  
History ◇ Rivalries ◇ Extra-Curriculars

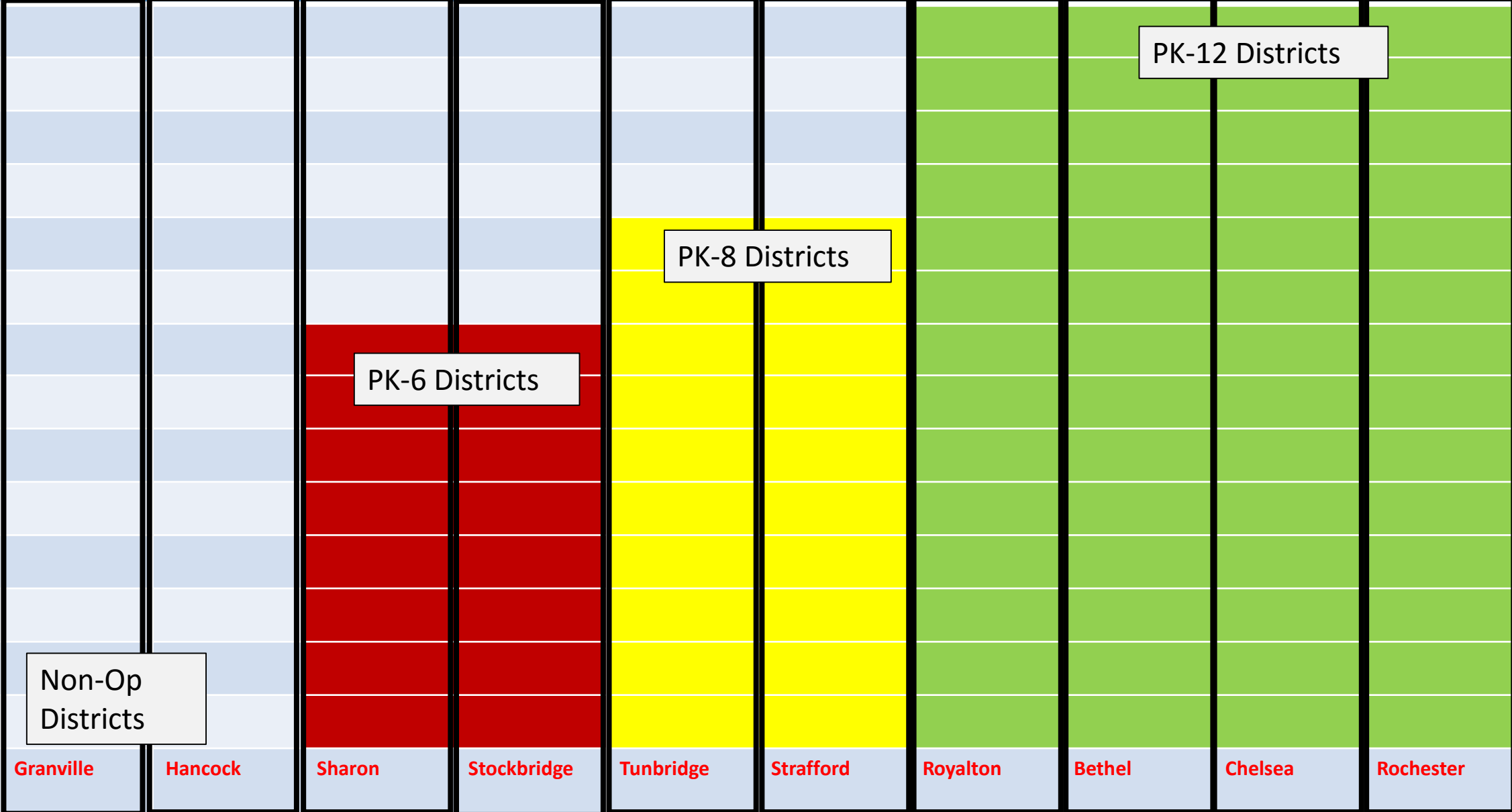
# Our Options

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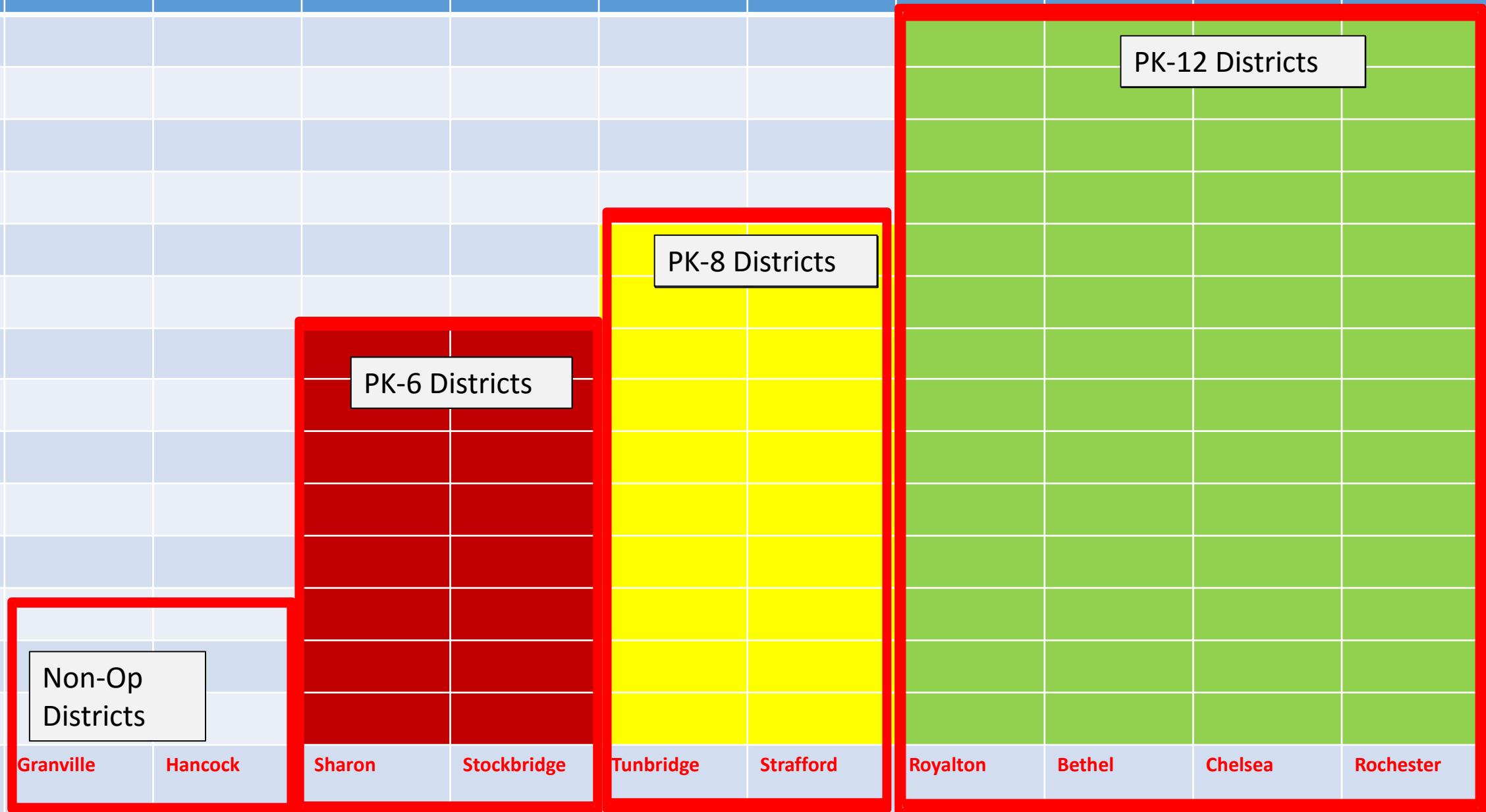
**2. Adopt Choice Model**

**3. Study new district  
with other prek-12s**

# Our Current Structure



# THE “VERTICAL” MODEL



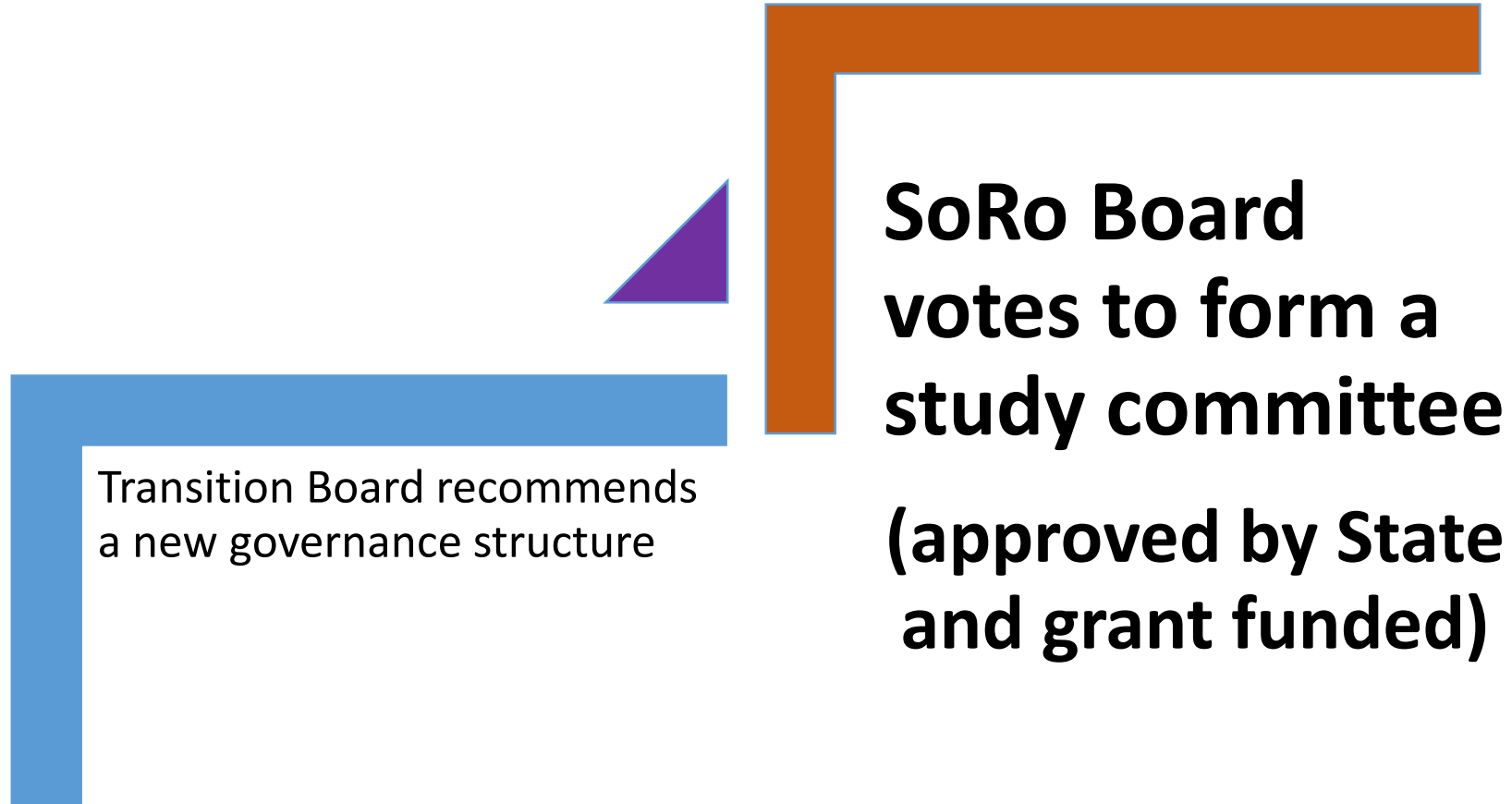


# Next Steps



**Transition Board  
recommends a new  
governance structure**

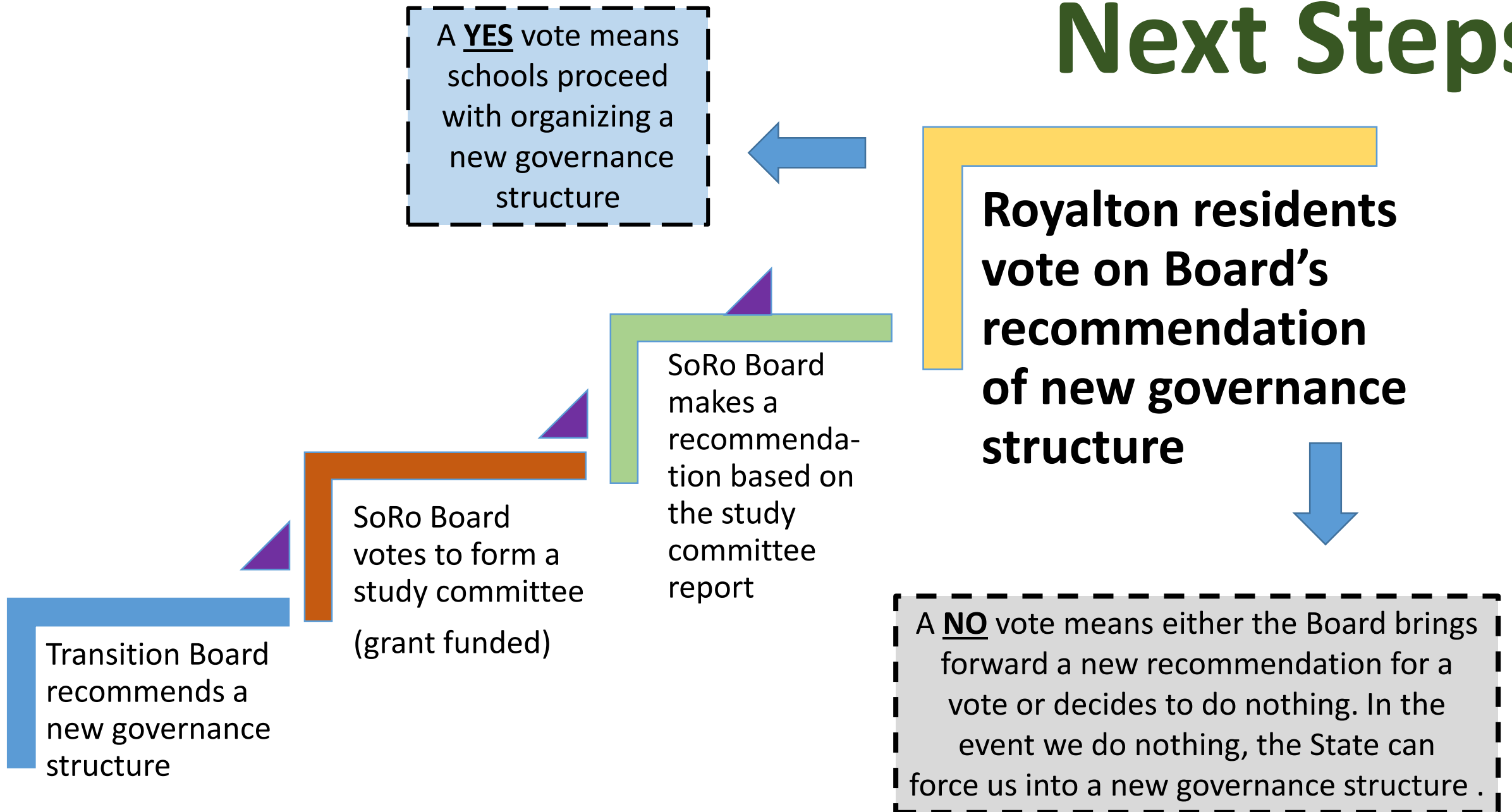
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# Timeline

Spring  
2016

- Board votes on study committee
- Study committee begins work

Spring  
2017

- Community votes on new structure
- Vote must take place by July 1, 2017

Summer  
2019

- New structure becomes operational OR
- State review—may force governance change





Thank you for your support!

