



DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Office of Family and Public Engagement

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# “Rediscover Ward 5” The Great Schools Initiative

Tuesday, March 6, 2012  
McKinley Tech SHS  
6:00 – 8:00 PM



## What Will We Accomplish Today? (Meeting Outcomes)

- ✓ Provide overview of process to date
- ✓ Finalize Ward 5 grade configuration
- ✓ Discuss middle grades site selection & timing
- ✓ Understand what role you can play
- ✓ Share plan for supplementing ECs in gap year
- ✓ Receive questions and feedback
- ✓ Tour McKinley Tech



# Meeting Agenda

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<b>1. Overview of the Process to Date</b>
2. Summary of Parent Feedback
3. Creating Great Schools : (The Schools, Programs, and Students)
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## Ward 5's Path to Great Schools

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(Summer 2011)  
Ward 5 Education  
Council

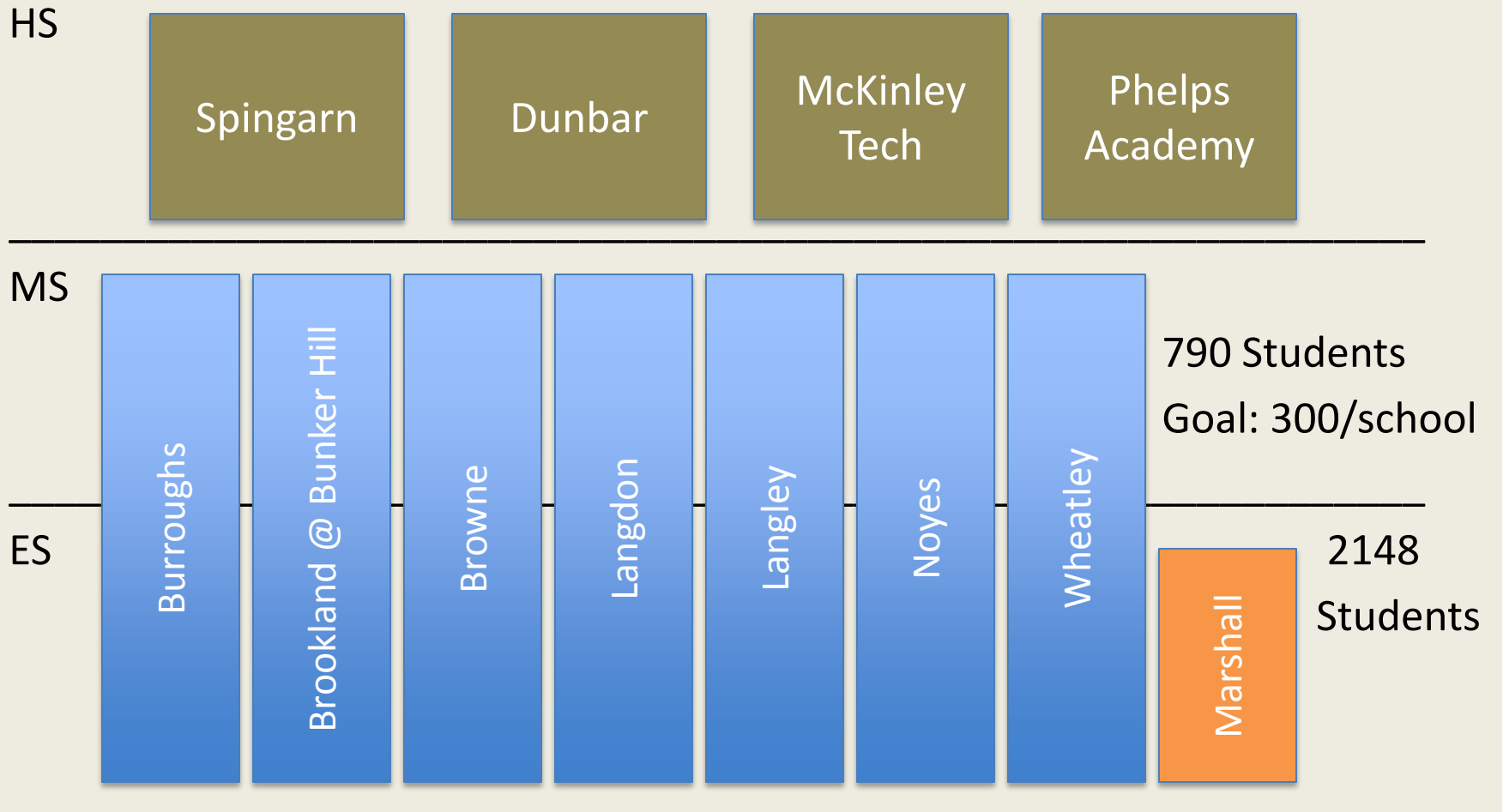
(September 2011)  
Community Meeting at  
LCM SHS

(Sept. – Oct.)  
Extensive Outreach  
Parent Advisory Group  
formed

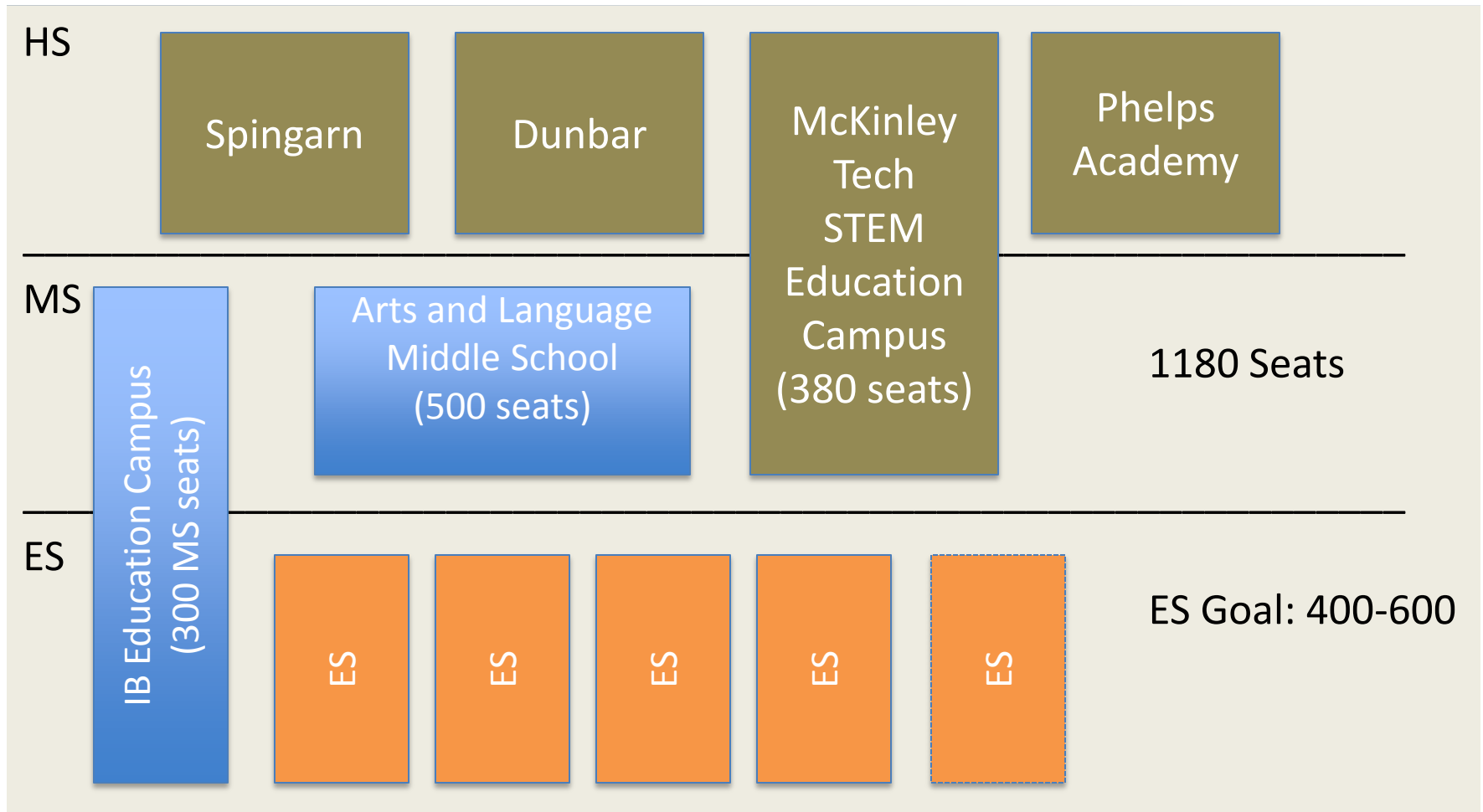
(November 2011)  
Community Meeting at  
Langdon EC

(Dec '11 – Feb '12)  
Extensive parent  
outreach  
Internal Working Group

## Current Ward 5 Grade Configuration



## Final Ward 5 Grade Configuration



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## Parent Outreach: Who Did We Speak With?

### **Prior to the Ward 5 Great Schools Initiative Meeting on November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011:**

- ✓ Collected 492 Parent Surveys
- ✓ DCPS Staff Attended multiple PTA Meetings

### **After the Ward 5 Great Schools Initiative Meeting on November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011:**

- ✓ 3,000 surveys sent home in backpacks
- ✓ 150 parents reached through tabling at schools
- ✓ 120 surveys returned
- ✓ 50 parents reached via in-person PTA meetings
- ✓ 1,302 page views on the DCPS website (average about 4 minutes on W5 page)





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## Ward 5 Middle Grades Sites

### Brookland Middle

- Covers northern part of the ward
- Accessible; proximity to DPR
- Opportunity for design/modernization

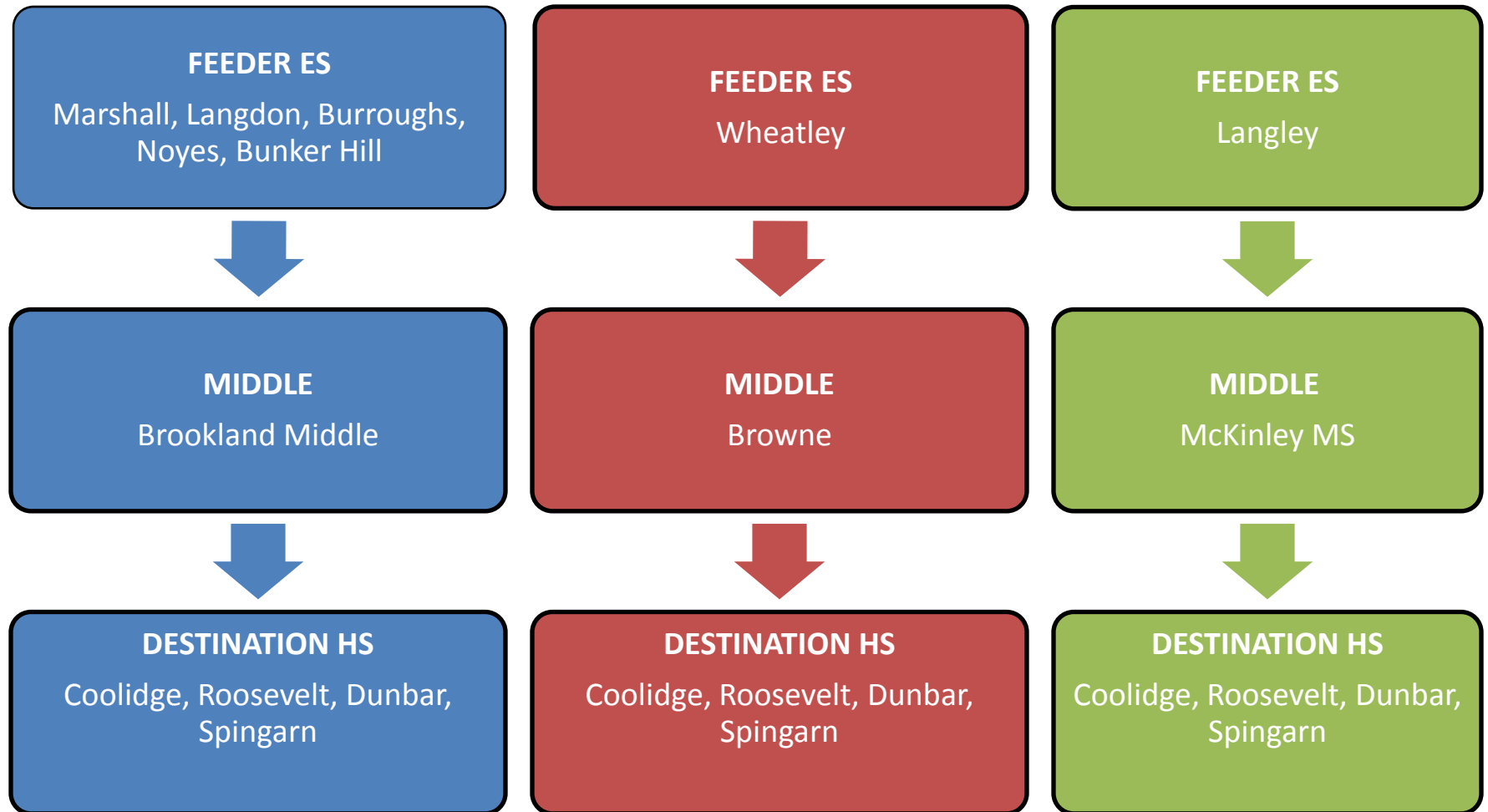
### Browne EC

- Covers southeastern part of the ward
- Already open; solid 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade population

### McKinley Middle

- Covers central part of the ward
- Neighborhood school

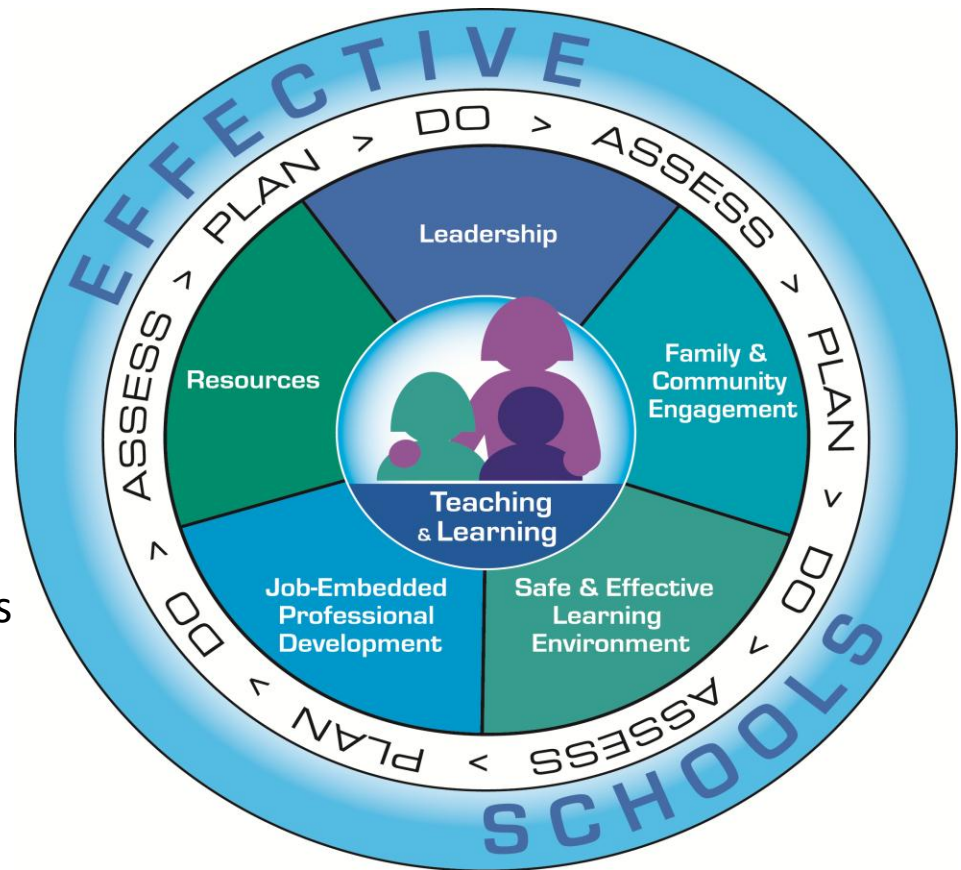
## Suggested Ward 5 Middle Grades Feeder Pattern



# The Program

## Components of an effective school

- Rigorous Academic Offerings
- Breadth of Offerings
- Appropriate Facilities
- Responsive to diverse stakeholders



# Arts Integration and Language School (Brookland Middle)

## Arts Integration

- "Two-way" arts-integrated learning
- 50% of teachers/year participate in teaching artist residencies
- Teachers use arts integrated lessons
- At least 2 school hosted guest artists/performances
- At least 2 public showcases of student learning per grade level

## World Language

- At least 2 languages must be offered
- High school credits for students – 9<sup>th</sup> grade, ready for Level 2
- Year long courses with ideal 135 minutes of instruction/week
- Teachers specialize in language they teach

# International Baccalaureate - IB (Browne Education Campus)

## Primary Years Program (PYP)

- Grades PS - 5
- Students acquire a holistic understanding of 6 themes
  - Who we are
  - Where we are in place/time
  - How we express ourselves
  - How the world works
  - How we organize ourselves
  - Sharing the planet
- Teachers and students assess student work
- IB has traditional subjects, but the emphasis on interconnection (ex. You might see Math come up in Social Studies)

## Middle Years Program (MYP)

- Grades 6 - 8
- Student work assessed with guidance from the IB
- Emphasis on formative assessment
- Courses offered:
  - Language A & B, PE, Sciences, Arts, Math, Tech, and Humanities)
- Five perspectives (Areas of Interaction) factored in each subject

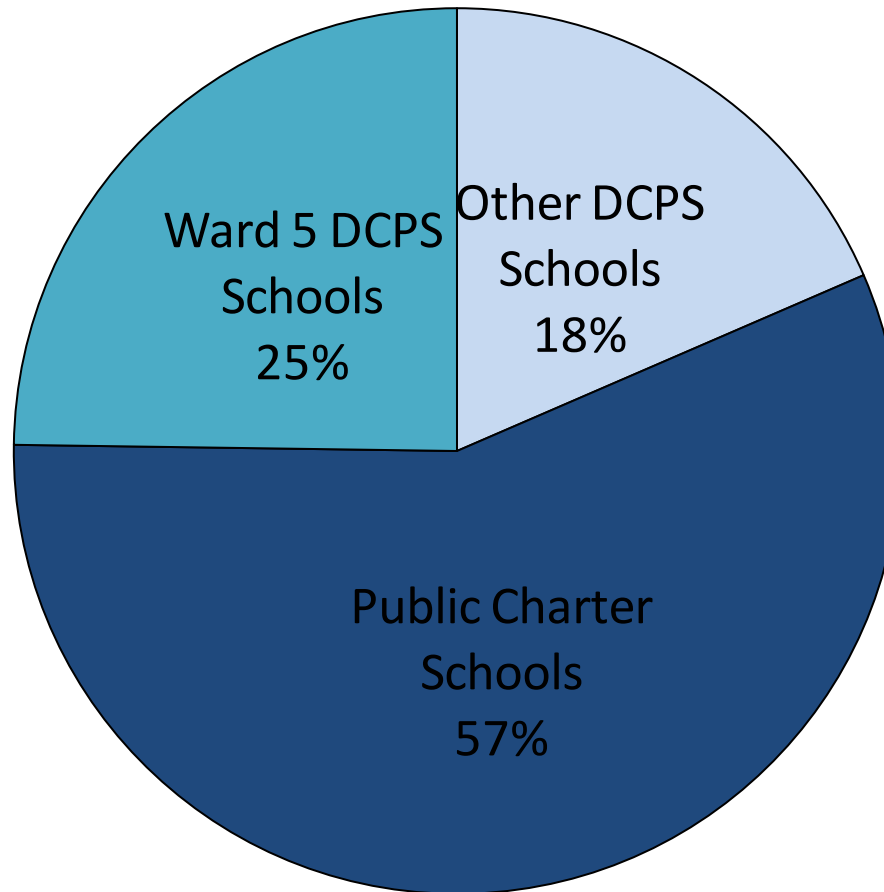
## Science Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Integration (McKinley Middle )

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### STEM Integration

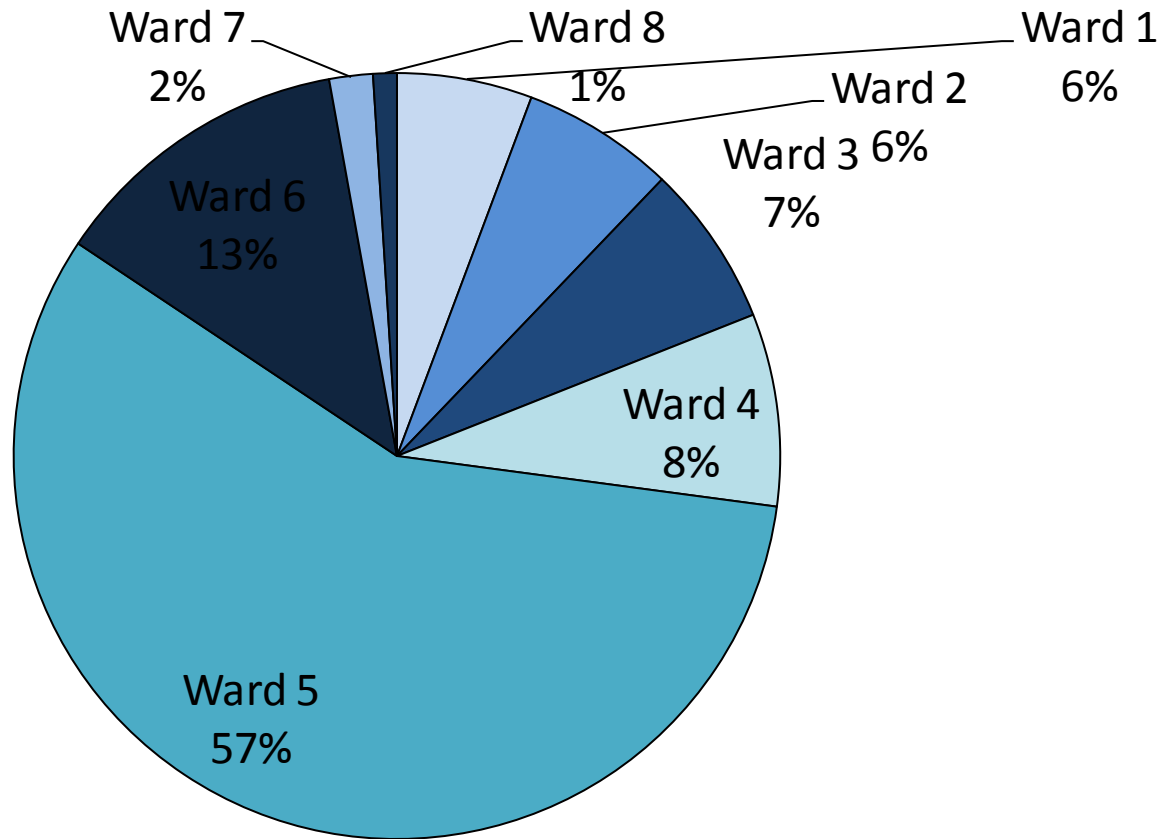
- Grade level team collaboration
- Each grade has at least 2 showcases of student work
- Students participate in competitions
- 50% of students interact with STEM professionals each year

## Where do Ward 5 students (attending public schools) go to school?



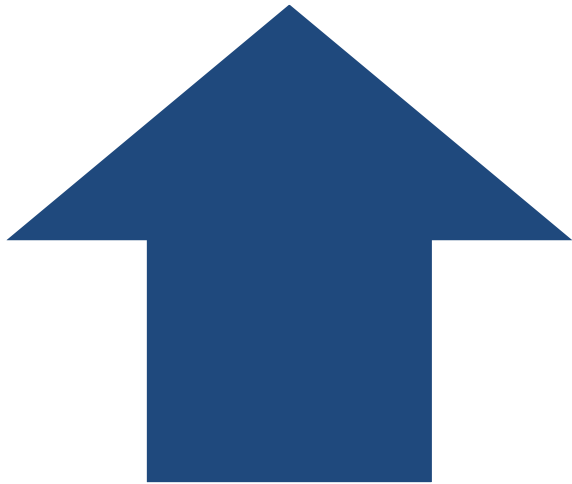


## Where do Ward 5 students in DCPS go to school?

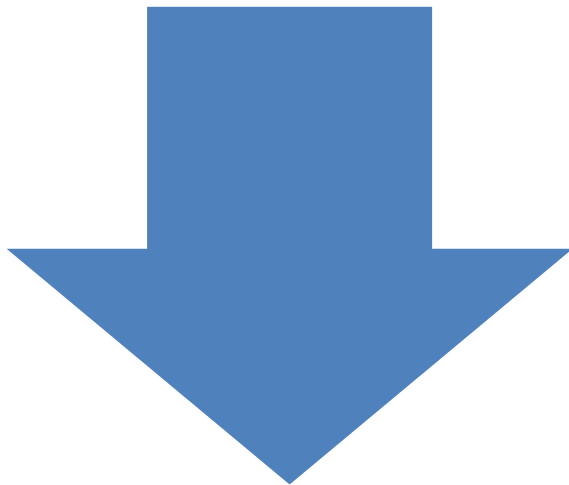


## Ward 5 Landscape

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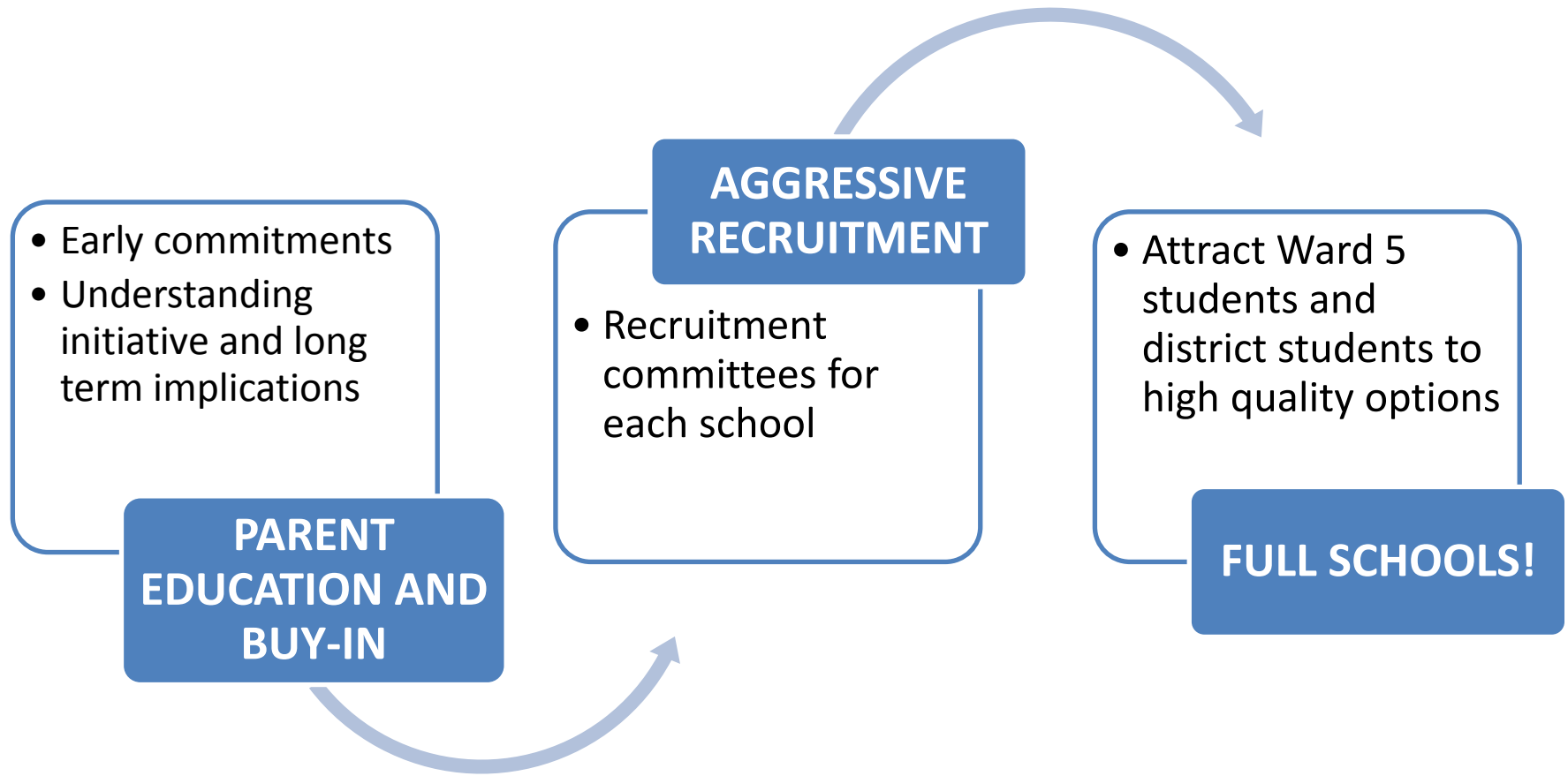


657 students come  
to Ward 5 schools  
from other wards



1326 students leave  
Ward 5 schools for  
other wards

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## Next Stages of Engagement

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Recruitment and Outreach

School Based Transition  
Team

Building Renovation

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# QUESTIONS??

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