

BALLSTON SPA HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING LEADERSHIP TEAM

2015-2016



MEMBERS

- ◉ Katie Calhoun
- ◉ Monique Cohen
- ◉ Tracy DeRagon
- ◉ Tim Eckler
- ◉ Katie Massie
- ◉ Deb Haber
- ◉ Shannon Hansen
- ◉ Tricia Halpin
- ◉ Cindy Hoetzer
- ◉ Chris Imperial
- ◉ Diane Irwin
- ◉ Nicole Holehan
- ◉ Mandi Fox
- ◉ Ted Snyder
- ◉ Kevin Flores
- ◉ Kris Jensen
- ◉ Mary Ellen Kusnierz
- ◉ Johnna Larkin
- ◉ Jeanette Maruscsak
- ◉ Kate O'Leary
- ◉ Anders Rasmussen
- ◉ Chelsea Reeves
- ◉ Linda Rose
- ◉ Patti Schaefer
- ◉ Cindy Walkanowski
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- ◉ Deb Carminati
- ◉ Karin Marcotullio
- ◉ Ankie Meuwissen

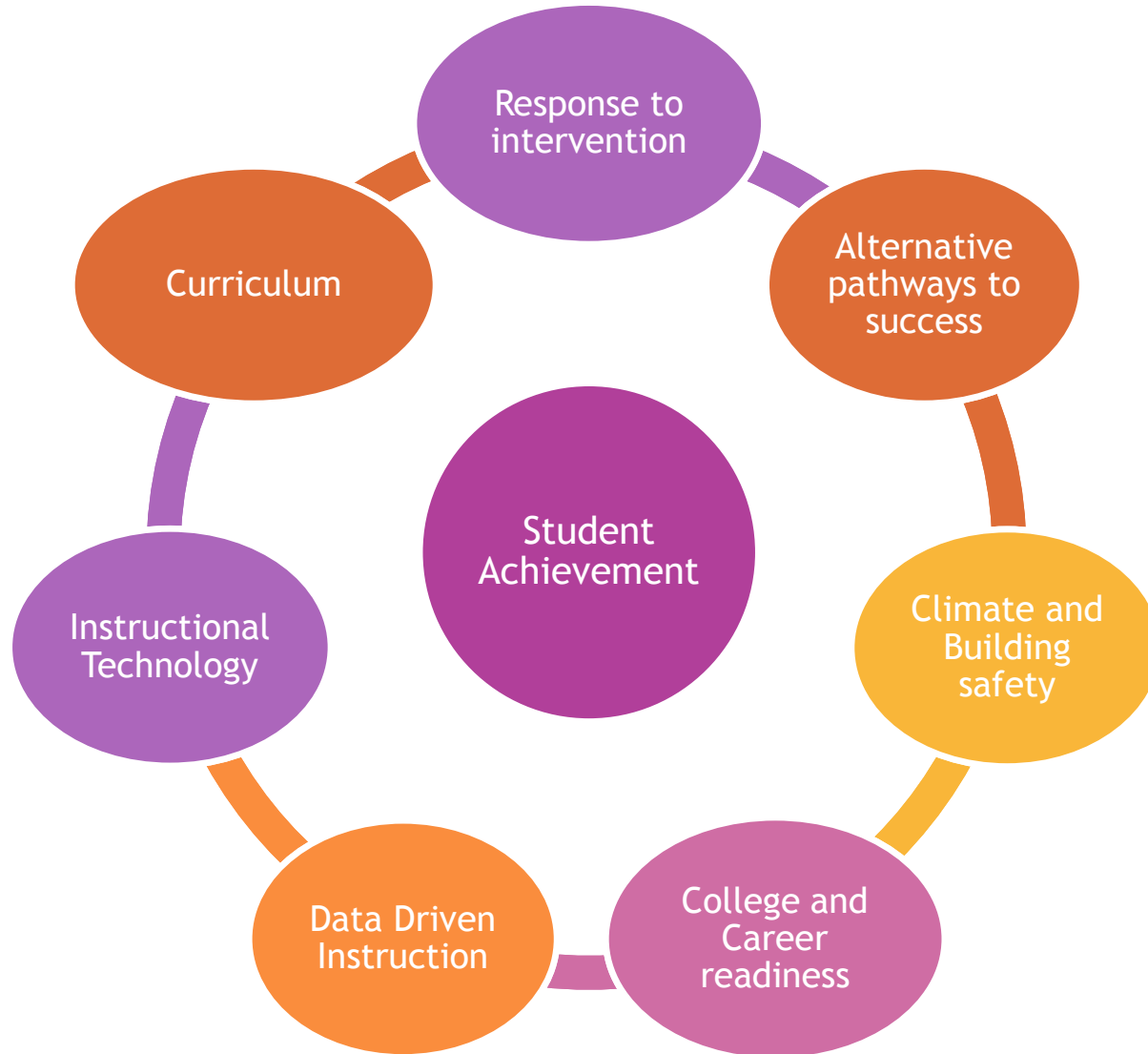
2015-2016 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The Washington Post

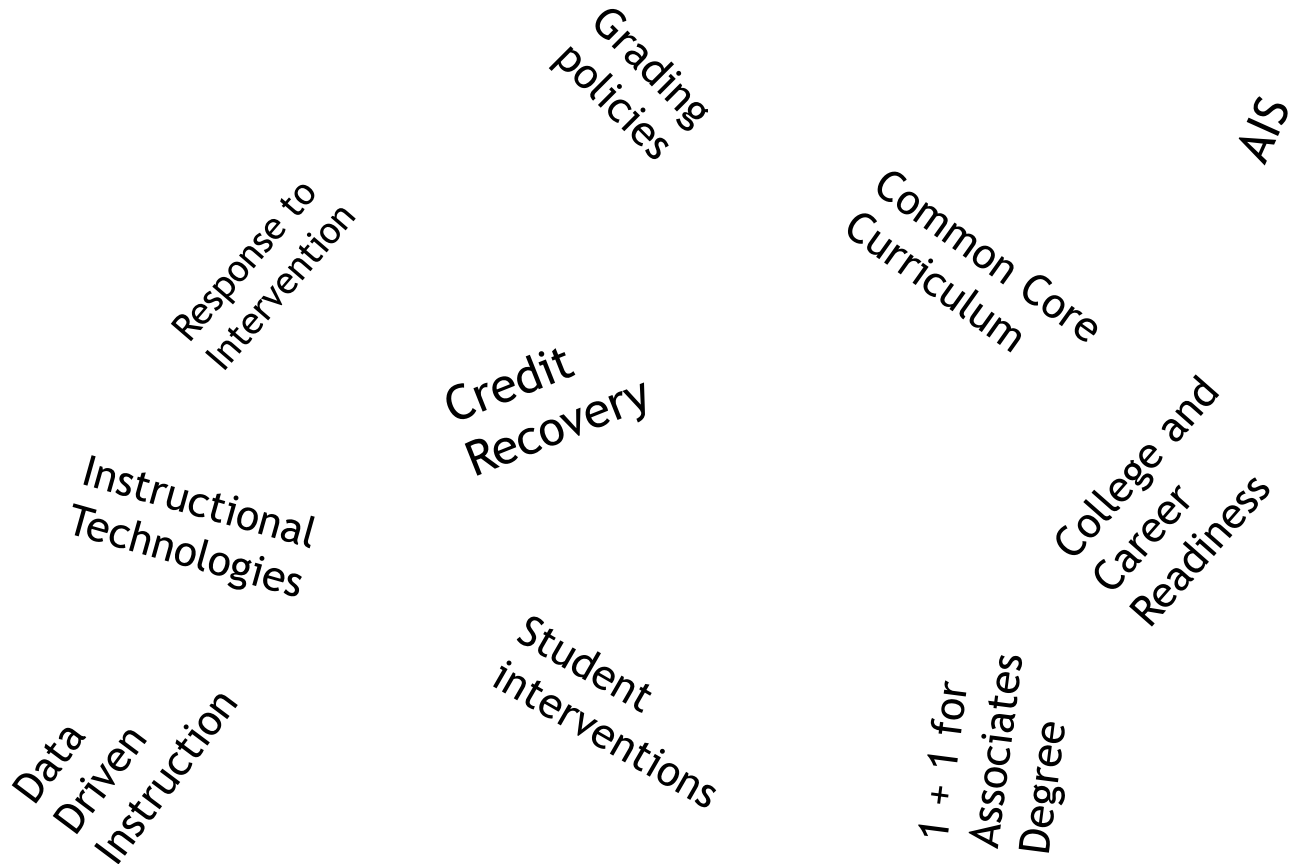
- ◉ 3rd year recognition by *The Washington Post* as one of America's Most Challenging High Schools
- ◉ Over \$47,000 in scholarships given away to 136 students
- ◉ World recognition for our Robotics team and Odyssey of the Mind Team
- ◉ Increased no-cost access to 25 college courses beginning in the 2016-17 school year
- ◉ 3rd year No Place for Hate Gold Star School
- ◉ Ranked #5 on the list of *Best Public High Schools* in the Albany Metro Area by Niche
- ◉ Hosted regional music event *Electrify Your Strings* event attracting over 1,000 spectators and hundreds of participants from around the region



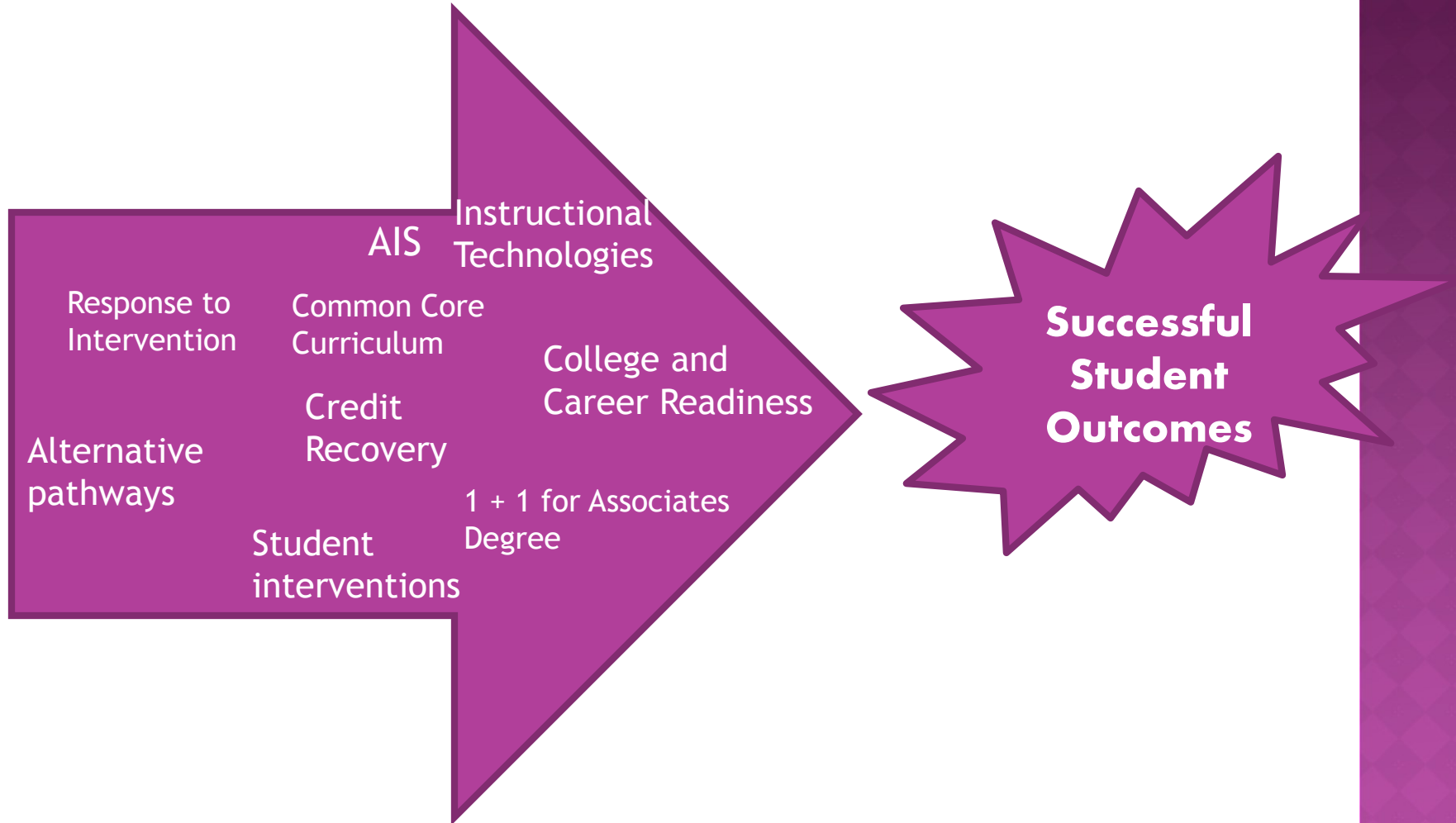
ACHIEVING SUCCESS THROUGH A TEAM APPROACH



DEVELOPING SYNERGY



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REVIEW AND REVISE THE HIGH SCHOOL FACULTY HANDBOOK

- Last Revision completed in 2013
- Organize and Streamline
- Update Policies and Procedures to reflect 2016-2017 needs
 - Privacy
 - DASA
 - Grading Policies
 - District Expectations

ALTERNATIVE PATHWAYS

- ◉ Identified common barriers to student achievement
- ◉ Created a form for teachers to identify at risk students at each interim and marking period:
 - Addresses Causes: *attendance, effort, homework, etc.*
 - Addresses Interventions: *actions that the teacher took to increase the likelihood for student success*

ALTERNATIVE PATHWAYS

- ◉ The form serves as the initial step in the RTI, (Response to Intervention) process.
- ◉ As part of the form's requirements, guidance counselors, parents, and department leaders are included on the form's submission and student's progress.
- ◉ Department leaders bring these concerns to the RTI committee, where additional interventions may be implemented.

SAMPLE RTI AT BALLSTON SPA HIGH SCHOOL

Tier 3

- Assigned Mentor
- Behavior plan
- Daily/Weekly attendance check-in

Tier 2

- Guidance Counselor Watch
- Support Study Hall
- Team Meeting
- AIS
- Freshmen Forward/Senior Meeting

Tier 1

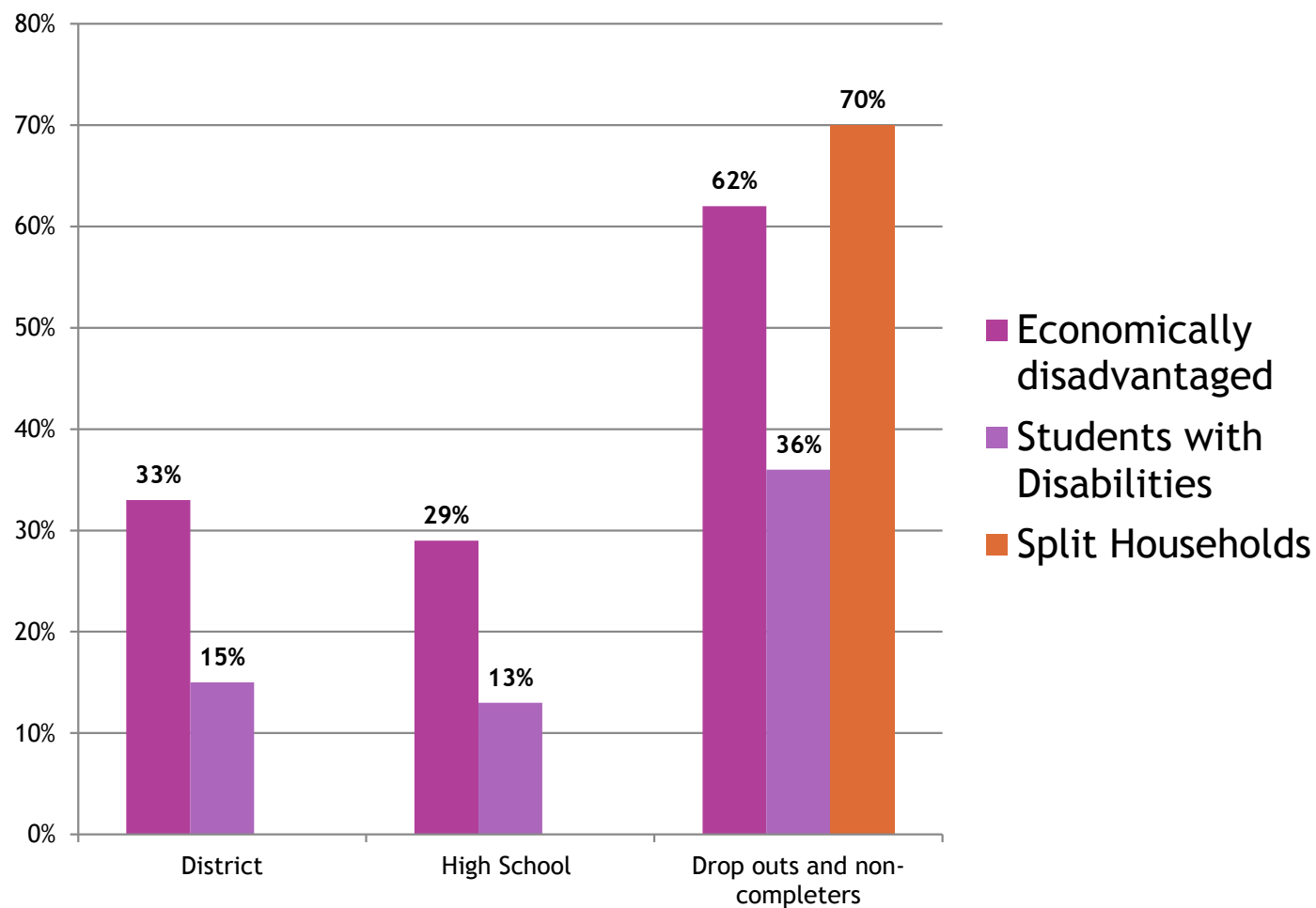
- Parent phone call
- Assigned seat
- Alternative assignment
- Assigned to advisory
- Teacher detention
- Modified homework

COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS

- ◉ In collaboration with Schenectady County Community College, the High School is set to offer 18 new college courses for credit
- ◉ Next year, the high school will offer 25 SCCC classes with plans to add 3 more in 2017
- ◉ Students have access to 85 college credits through SCCC in addition to our current AP and IB courses and other college-level courses
- ◉ Certificate pathways available through the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) in the High School
- ◉ Career Development and Occupational Studies coursework to support students in meeting graduation requirements through additional pathways



HIGH SCHOOL DATA TEAM ANALYSIS



NEXT STEPS

- ⦿ Identify “Odds Beaters”
- ⦿ Review protective factors that support students that beat the odds
- ⦿ Identify smaller trends within the trends (i.e. are there trends among our non-completers that may allow for earlier identification and intervention?)

BUILDING SAFETY

- ◉ Continued to build relationships with Saratoga County Sheriff's office
- ◉ Reviewed High School Building safety plans
- ◉ Conducted regular reviews of building safety procedures and processes
- ◉ Worked with area partners to conduct our Smart Choices events to promote safe decision making leading up to Prom



STUDENT RECOGNITION

- ◉ Honor Roll
- ◉ Breakfast of Champions
- ◉ Faculty Meetings
- ◉ Scottie of the Month
- ◉ Twitter/Webpage
- ◉ Announcements



QUESTIONS?