



DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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Office of College and Career

DCPS Persists

Partner Webinar

June 3, 2020



What is DCPS Persists?

What?

- DCPS Persists is a new initiative that will enable DCPS to **support our college-bound students through their college graduation and invest in additional efforts to effectively prepare students to succeed in college.**
- DCPS Persists aims to increase college graduation rate of DCPS alumni by **10% points.**

Why?

- **76% of jobs in the DC area require a postsecondary degree or credential.**
- Despite significant increases to DCPS high school graduation rates and college enrollment rates, **only 38% of all DCPS graduates who enroll in college earn a degree within six years.**
- What we learn through this Initiative will help us learn how to better prepare our students to succeed in college and make Smart College Choices.

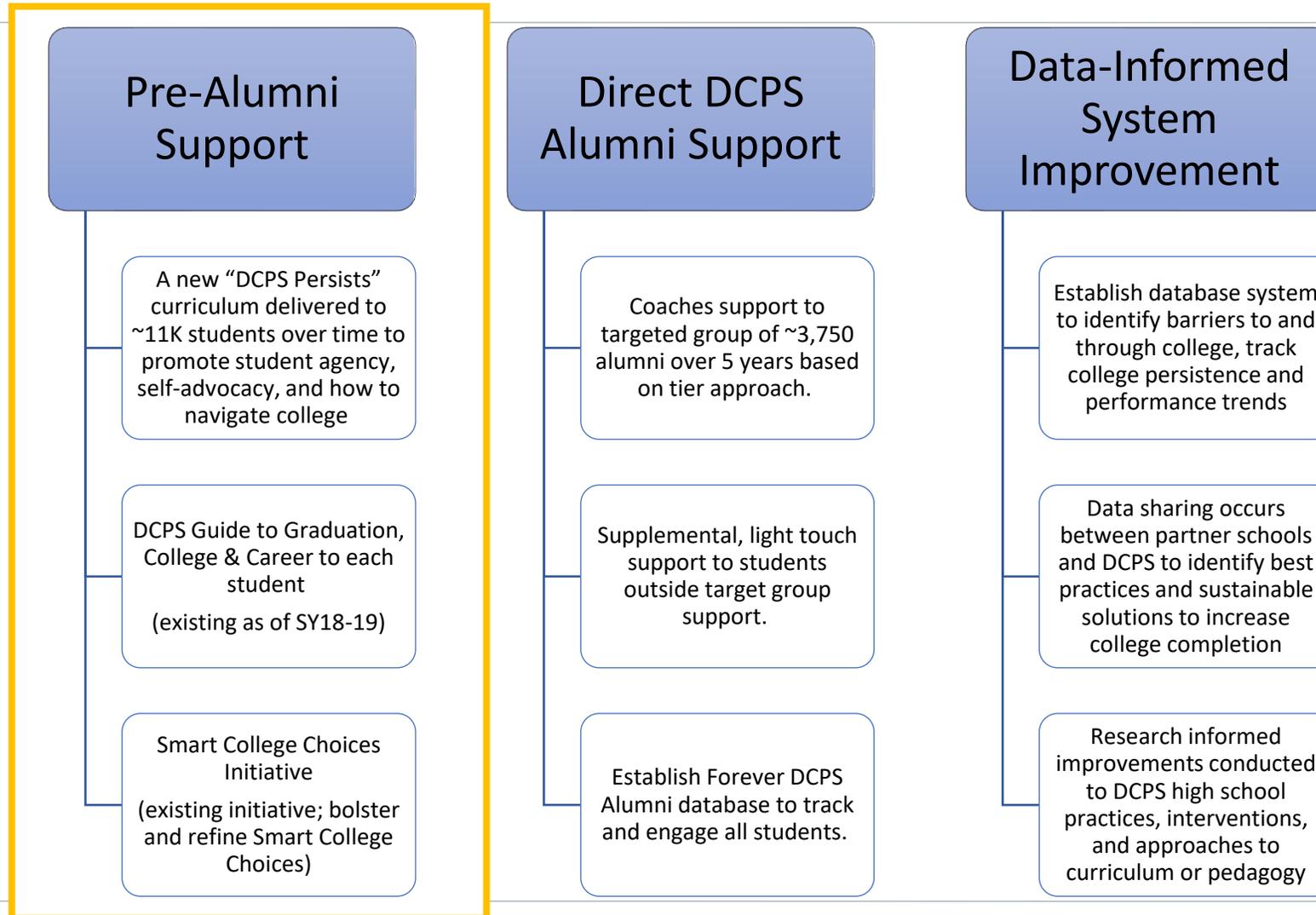
How?

- DCPS Persists is established through a generous five year investment from the A. James & Alice B. Clark Foundation.

Thank You to Our Investment Partners!



Components of DCPS Persists Program



Guide to Graduation, Career, and College

Individualized

- Data is pulled from student's transcript, assessment scores, and post-secondary survey information

Action Oriented

- Step by step guidance on graduation, college, and career pathways

Timely

- 12th Grade: Fall release
- 9-11th Grade: Spring release
- Aligned with counselor meetings

Accessible

- Mail and in Aspen Family and Student Portal
- Translated into Amharic, Chinese, French, Spanish, Vietnamese

Student Sample
Grade 12 (Based on YOG In Aspen)
ID# 0123456

ISA (— out of 1000) SAT (— out of 1600) PSAT (— out of 1500) Community Service Hours (— out of 100) Weighted GPA

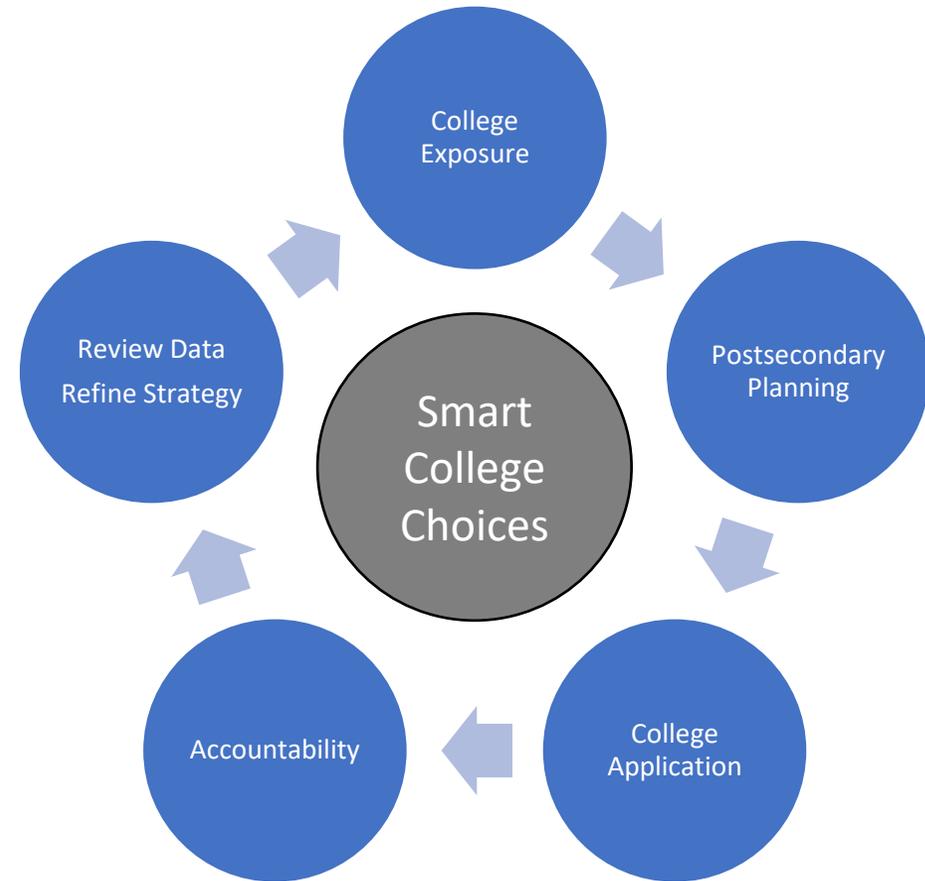
Student's Action Steps

You are on track to graduate.
You did not select any pathways in your Naviance postsecondary survey. Below you'll find action steps on graduation and postsecondary pathways to ensure success in high school and beyond.
Work with your counselor to determine a Post-secondary Pathway Goal

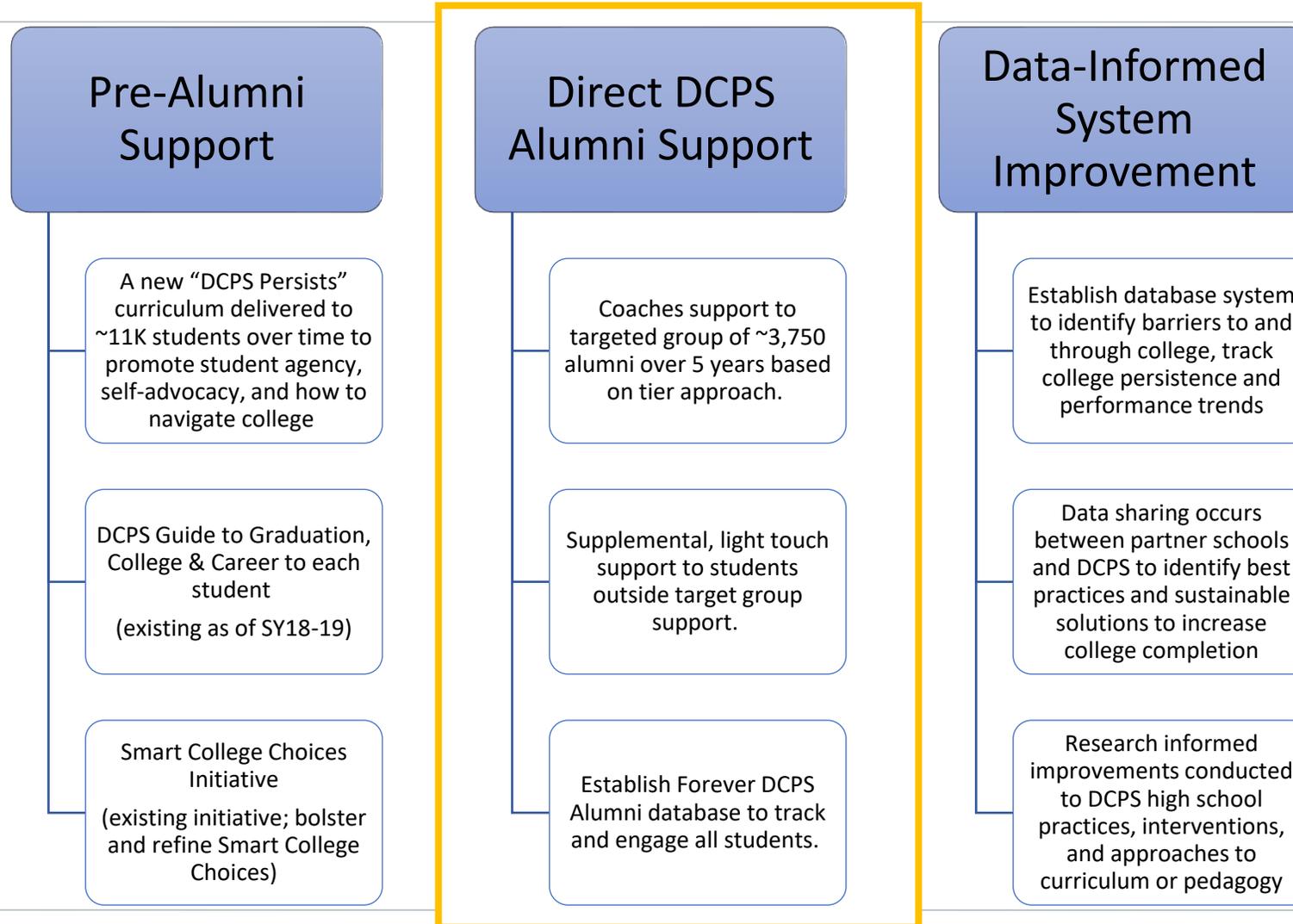
| | Fall (September- November) | Winter (Dec- Feb) | Spring (March- May) | |
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| Graduation Action Steps (All Students/ All Pathways) | 1. Meet with Counselor to discuss graduation progress, verify schedule is correct and sign Letter of Understanding (LOU). | 2. Create a plan to complete community service hours inclusive of winter and spring break options, if needed. | 3. Meet with Counselor to review graduation progress and enroll in course recovery as necessary. | 4. Complete all graduation obligations including community service form submission and Senior Exit Survey in Naviance. 5. Register for the Senior Exit Survey in Naviance only within 30 days of 18th birthday. 6. Complete Senior Exit Survey in Naviance. |
| Apprenticeship Action Steps | 1. Explore DC apprenticeship program: https://www.dced.gov/education/apprenticeship/ | 2. Speak with your College & Career Coordinator or Counselor about participating in the Spring DCPS Pre-Apprenticeship program. | 3. Prepare for relevant apprenticeship exams. 4. Complete apprenticeship program applications (note: EEM electrical application due in March 2020). | |
| Career Education Action Steps | 1. Explore DC Career Education program: https://www.dced.gov/education/career-education/ | 2. Fall 2019: Prepare for and take the CASAS exam at your school. Achieve a 221 on Reading and a 221 on Math. | 3. Spring 2020: Complete program applications. | |
| College Action Steps | 1. Finalize College Application List in Naviance (Sept.) 2. Finalize College (Sept.) | 3. Sign up for the DCPS Scholarship email and apply for all eligible scholarships and grants (Sept.) 4. Take the SAT (Oct- 10th in-school) 5. Submit FAFSA and CSS Profile (Oct.) 6. Complete all Early Action Applications (Nov.) | 7. Submit all college applications (Dec.) 8. Start DC TAG Application (beginning in Feb, https://tad.dced.gov/dtag) (Feb.) | |
| Employment Action Steps | 1. Explore employment resources at the following links: https://www.dced.gov/education/employment/ , https://www.dced.gov/education/career-education/ , https://www.dced.gov/education/apprenticeship/ | 2. Students with disabilities (504 or IEP plan) can apply for Adult Services through the Rehabilitation Service Administration (RSA) by October 31, 2019. | 3. Complete resume. 4. Complete employment application. 5. Prepare for interviews with employers. | |
| Military Action Steps | 1. Explore all branches of the military and the DCPS https://www.dced.gov/education/military/ | 2. Take AFOQT at school and achieve AFOQT score of at least a 31. 3. Meet with military recruiter and submit required documents along with AFOQT scores. 4. Pass physical fitness evaluation at Military Entrance Processing Station. | | |

Smart College Choices Initiative

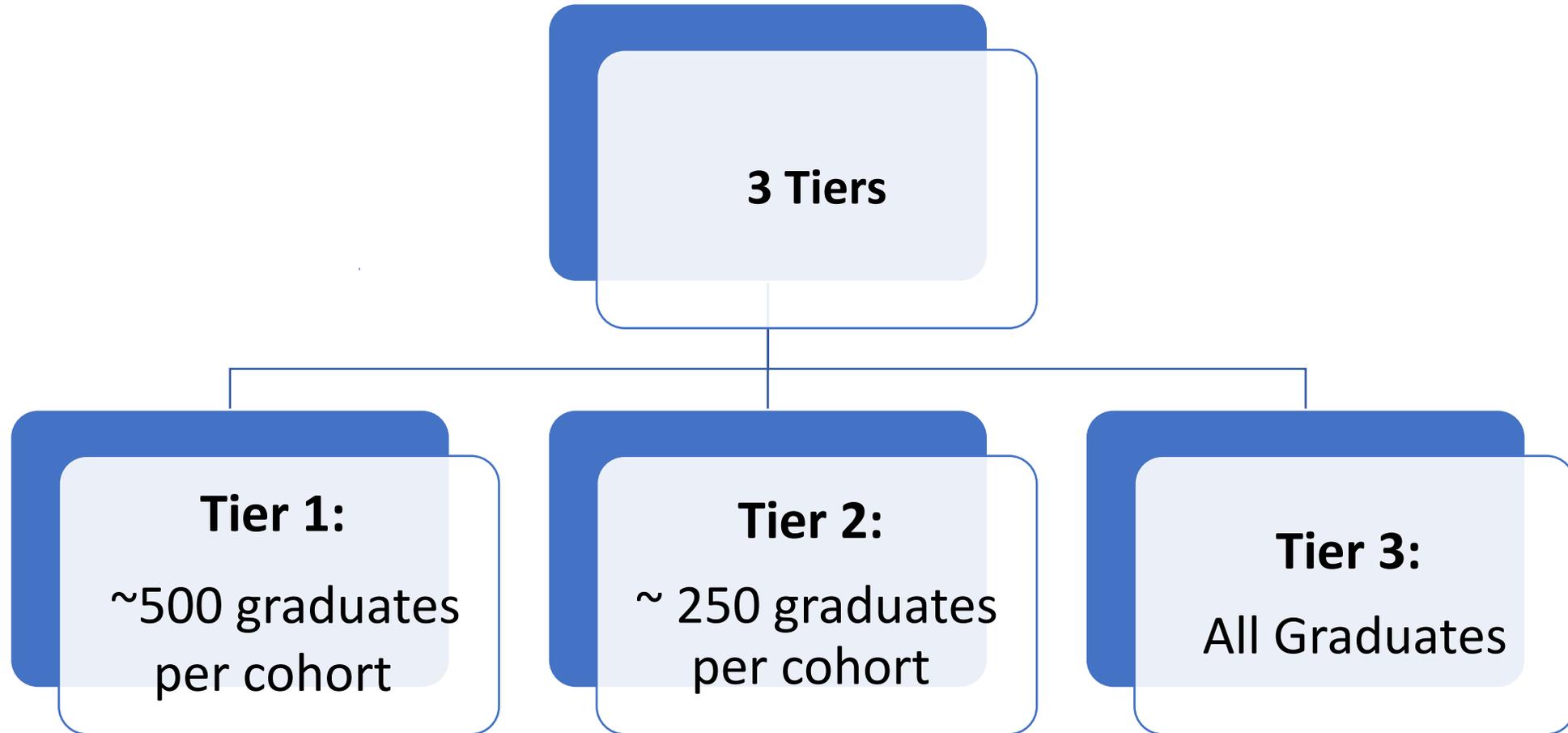
- Smart Colleges are institutions in which a DCPS student has a higher likelihood of being successful and graduating from based on their academic profile and the college's graduation rate.
- At DCPS, Smart College Choices are differentiated by student.
- Theory of Change: Increases in student enrollment in Smart College choices institutions will lead to increased DCPS college completion rates.



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DCPS Persists Proposed Tiered Approach



Tier 3 – All College-Bound Graduates



Orientation/initial contact before school starts



Updates and information via DCPS alumni database



Communication regarding support services available on their college campuses

Tier 2 – 250 Students Per Cohort



Assigned coaches



Up to monthly virtual touch points



Personalized reminders around class registration, specific discussion around grades, academic goals, and adjustments to college



+ Tier 3 supports

Tier 1 – 500 Students Per Cohort



Assigned coaches



Up to bi-weekly virtual touch points



Up to two in-person meetings each semester



Micro-grants



Personalized reminders around class registration, specific discussion around grades, academic goals, and adjustments to college



+ Tier 3 supports

Communication and Engagement To Date

Mayoral announcement

23 student engagement events facilitated

300+ students engaged so far

202 consent forms collected

4 upcoming engagement events

Learn More!

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COLLEGE COST CALCULATOR RESOURCES & TOOLKITS SCHOLARSHIPS THE GUIDE RESOURCES DCPS PERSISTS

DCPS PERSISTS



DC Public Schools is committed to helping all students find success in their pathway after high school. DCPS Persists is a new program that will provide college-bound DC Public Schools graduates with a support network to help them succeed in college. Starting with the class of 2020, additional supports will be available for students as they take the next steps toward college and careers.

Nearly 80 percent of jobs in the District of Columbia require some form of postsecondary education. Our goal: raise the college graduation rate of DCPS students, and set our students on a path for success.

DCPS Persists will offer all college-bound graduates a pre-college orientation, connection to a network of DCPS graduates, and monthly information through a new alumni publication, Forever DCPS.

dcpsgoestocollege.org/dcps-persists

DCPS PERSISTS

Take the Next Step to College with a Support Network

College is an adventure, and as you take this next step, you're excited but maybe also feel nervous – you know that there are challenges ahead. You're ready for more independence, to learn, and to connect with new friends. Eventually, you want to graduate college with a degree in hand. Whatever your career goal, you know that having a college degree will help you get there.

No matter where you're headed, **DC Public Schools has your back!** DCPS Persists is a new program that provides you with a support network to help you succeed in college. DCPS Persists begins now and helps you make the transition from high school to starting at your new college and beyond.

What is DCPS Persists?

Coaches in Your Corner

- Through DCPS Persists, eligible students are matched with a Coach who will help you make the transition to college and find out what academics, finances, and other resources are available to you on your college campus.
- DCPS Persists Coaches will:
 - Help you navigate financial aid, course registration, college-level courses and more.
 - Check in with you regularly by phone, text, email, or in-person.
 - Serve as a resource when you have questions or run into challenges.
 - Support you through the first two years of college.
- DCPS Persists Coaches are matched with you based on your college, so they get to know the place you're studying to help you get the best out of your college experience.
- Each DCPS Persists Coach has years of experience working with high school and college students. They work closely with the College & Career Coordinator at your high school to make sure your transition to college is smooth. Get to know more about our Coaches at bit.ly/PersistsCoaches

DCPS Persists Gives You a Network

- All college-bound DCPS students can attend a Pre-College Orientation this summer to get a head start on what to expect in college and to meet other DCPS students attending your college.
- DCPS Persists gives you access to the DCPS Alumni Network, meaning that you can stay in touch with other DCPS grads for college tips, career networking, and more.
- DCPS graduates also receive information through Forever DCPS, a monthly email that includes information on scholarships and key reminders for success in college.

Get Started with DCPS Persists!
Students who have been invited to participate in DCPS Persists can sign up by completing a consent form by June 30th at bit.ly/DCPSPersists. Please be honest if you're eligible or have questions! Thank you to all who participated so far!

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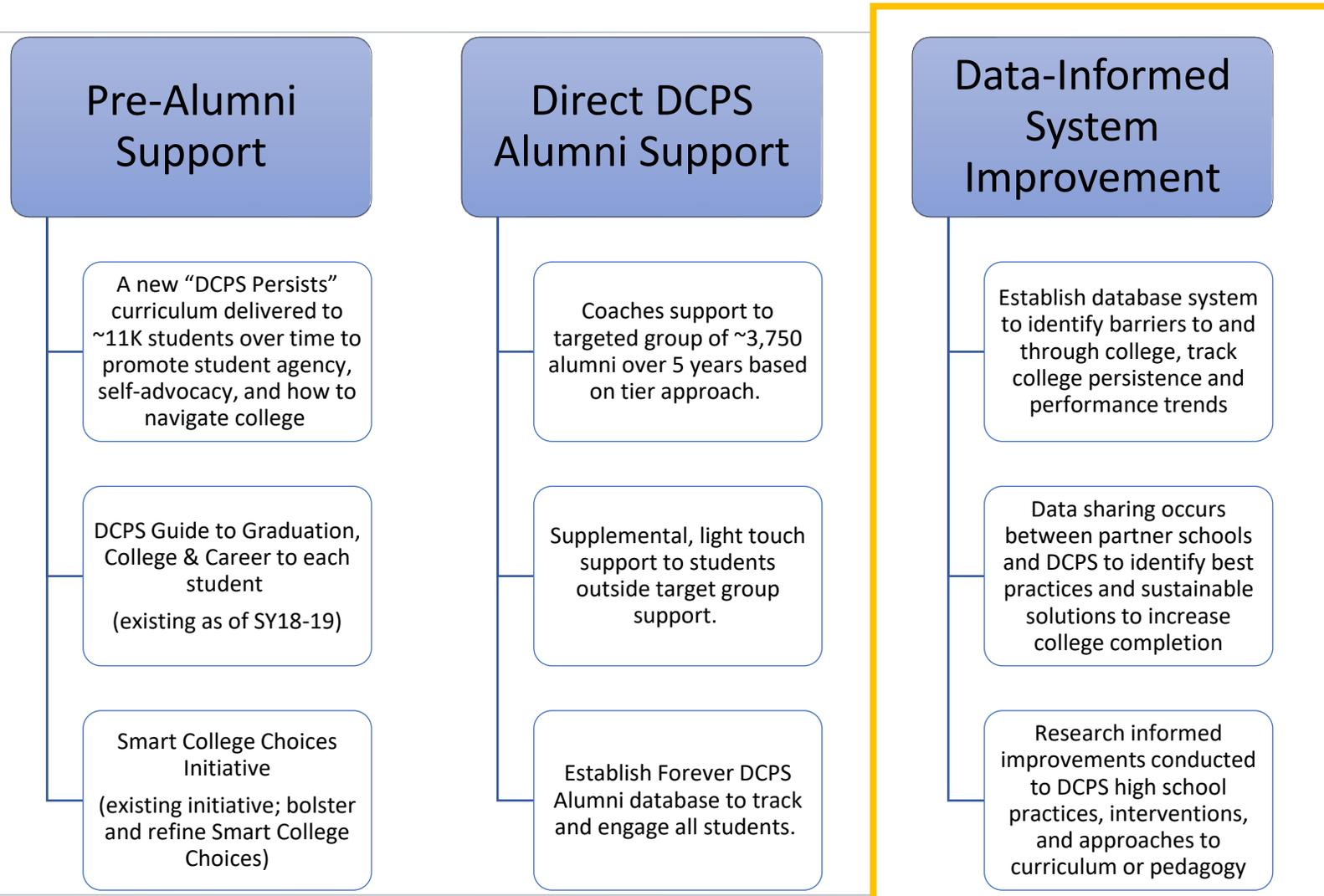
One Pager – Fact Sheet

Meet Our Coaches



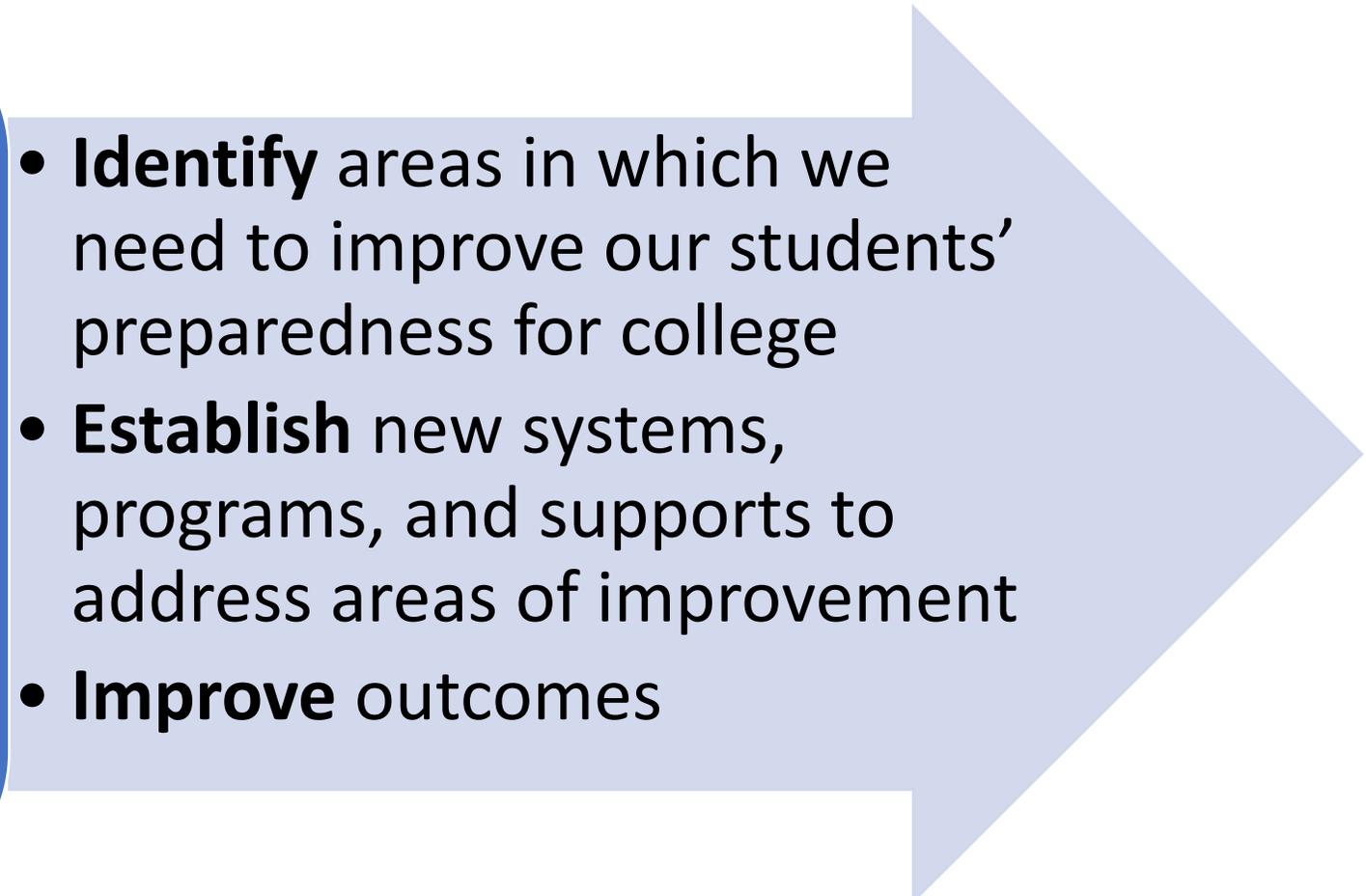
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Leveraging Data to Continuously Improve DCPS Systems

**Data from DCPS
Persists Will Be
Leveraged To**

- **Identify** areas in which we need to improve our students' preparedness for college
 - **Establish** new systems, programs, and supports to address areas of improvement
 - **Improve** outcomes
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Vision for College Partnerships

Why

- Partner colleges enroll large numbers of DCPS graduates
- Partner colleges' student bodies are similar in background and academic achievement level to DCPS students
- Partner colleges are eager and willing partners for collaboration

Goals

- Increase Graduation Rates Among DCPS Alumni at Partner College
- Improved Practices at DCPS to prepare students to succeed at Partner College

Methods

- DCPS Coach Support to Alumni at Partner College
 - Strong Collaborative Partnership Between DCPS and Partner College
 - Data Sharing Agreements
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Questions?





Thank You!

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