



9th Grade Transition

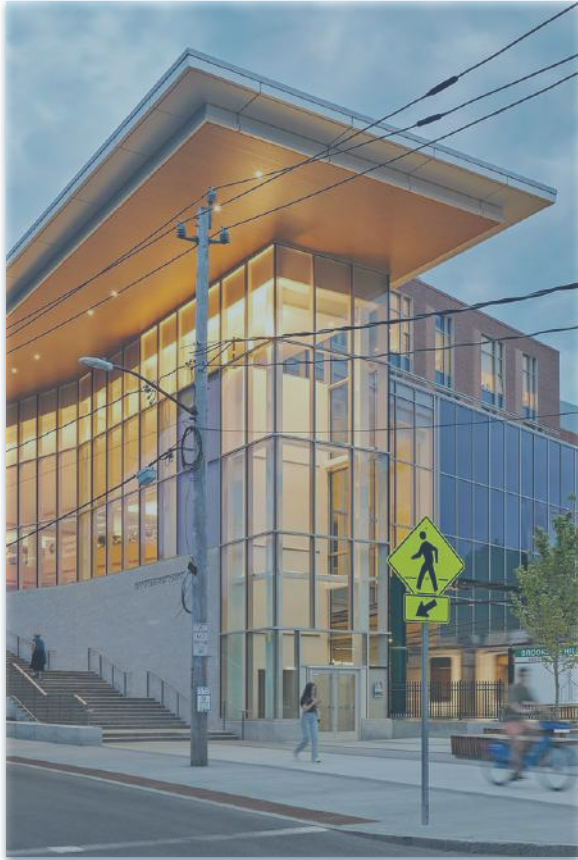
School Committee
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Overview / Preamble

This evening, we will strive to meet the following objectives:

- Share various strands of the 8th to 9th grade transition process.
- Identify issues and concerns with the process as it has been run.
- Discuss Re-imagining Ninth Grade as a long-term effort to address inequitable access to higher-level courses throughout the student's high school career.
- Begin discussion of short-term solutions to address flawed course recommendation process.



THE TRANSITION

Balance, the 9th Grade Experience
Sense of Belonging, Trusted Adults
Focused Supports

Key Transition Events

Curriculum Night

Overview of Special Education Services and Programs

World Language Roadshow

Arts at BHS

Life at Brookline High School

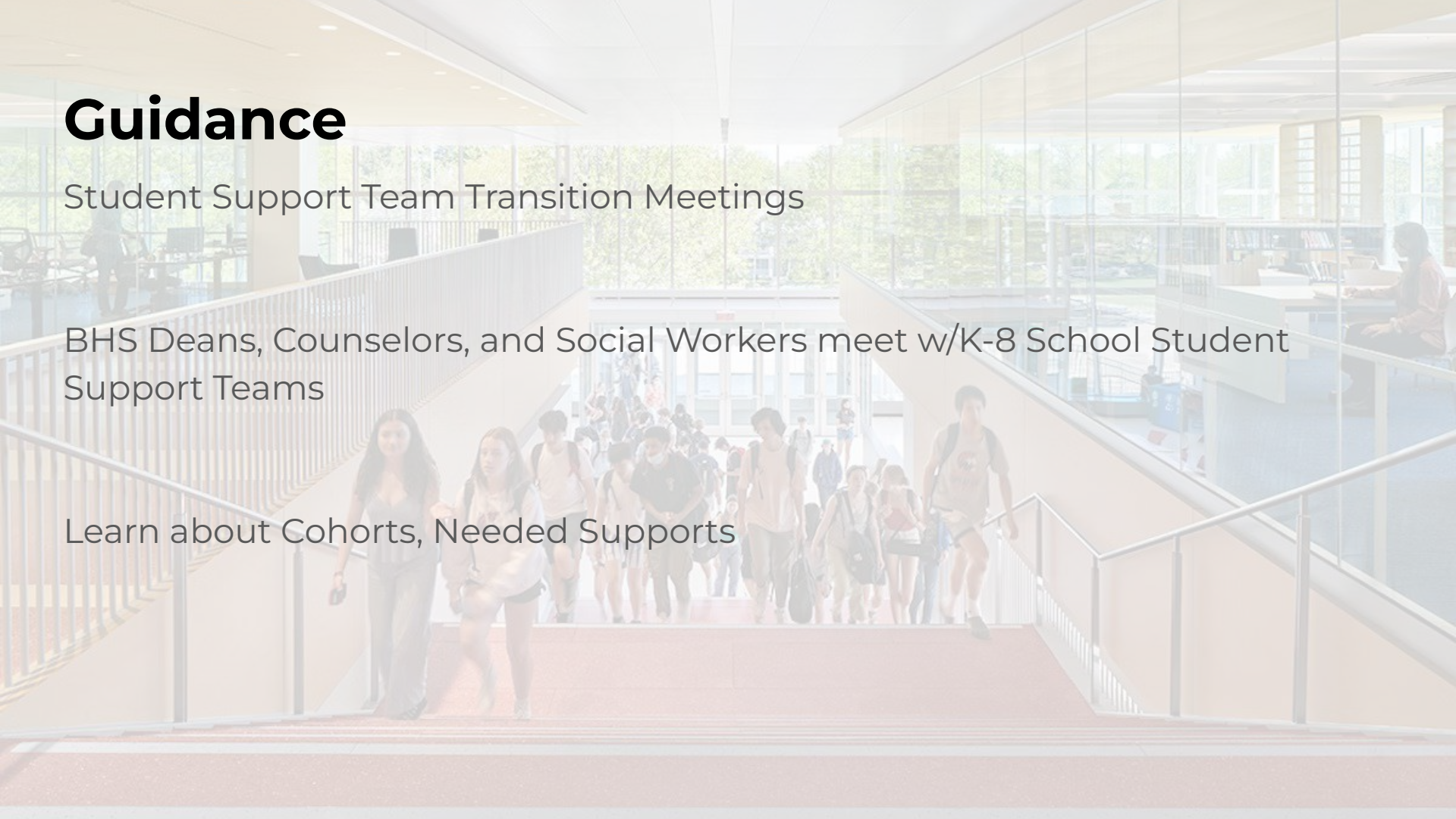
Introduction to Athletics and Open House

Guidance

Student Support Team Transition Meetings

BHS Deans, Counselors, and Social Workers meet w/K-8 School Student Support Teams

Learn about Cohorts, Needed Supports



Special Education

Annual Fall training and support for all 8th grade ETFs

Individual consultation for each school to review every student and consult to 8th grade teams to help in determining 9th grade special education supports and services.

Ongoing consultation and support for 8th grade teams throughout the year as needed (staff, students, and caregivers).

Late Spring: student field trips for students on IEPs to visit BHS for a preview/tour



REIMAGINING 9th GRADE

Current Status

What's Next?

What do we need?

Current Status

22 Tappan Building

Student Support

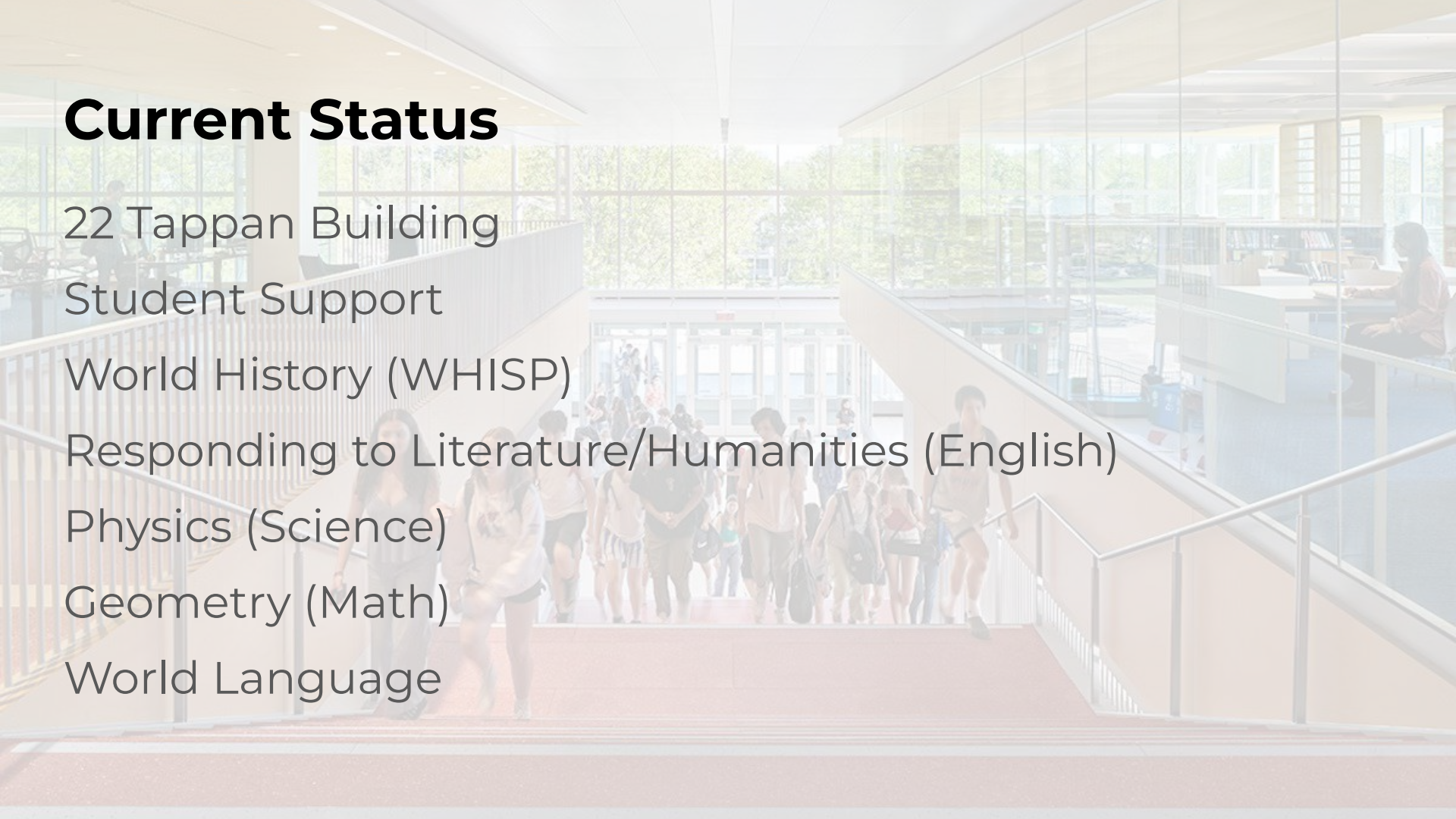
World History (WHISP)

Responding to Literature/Humanities (English)

Physics (Science)

Geometry (Math)

World Language

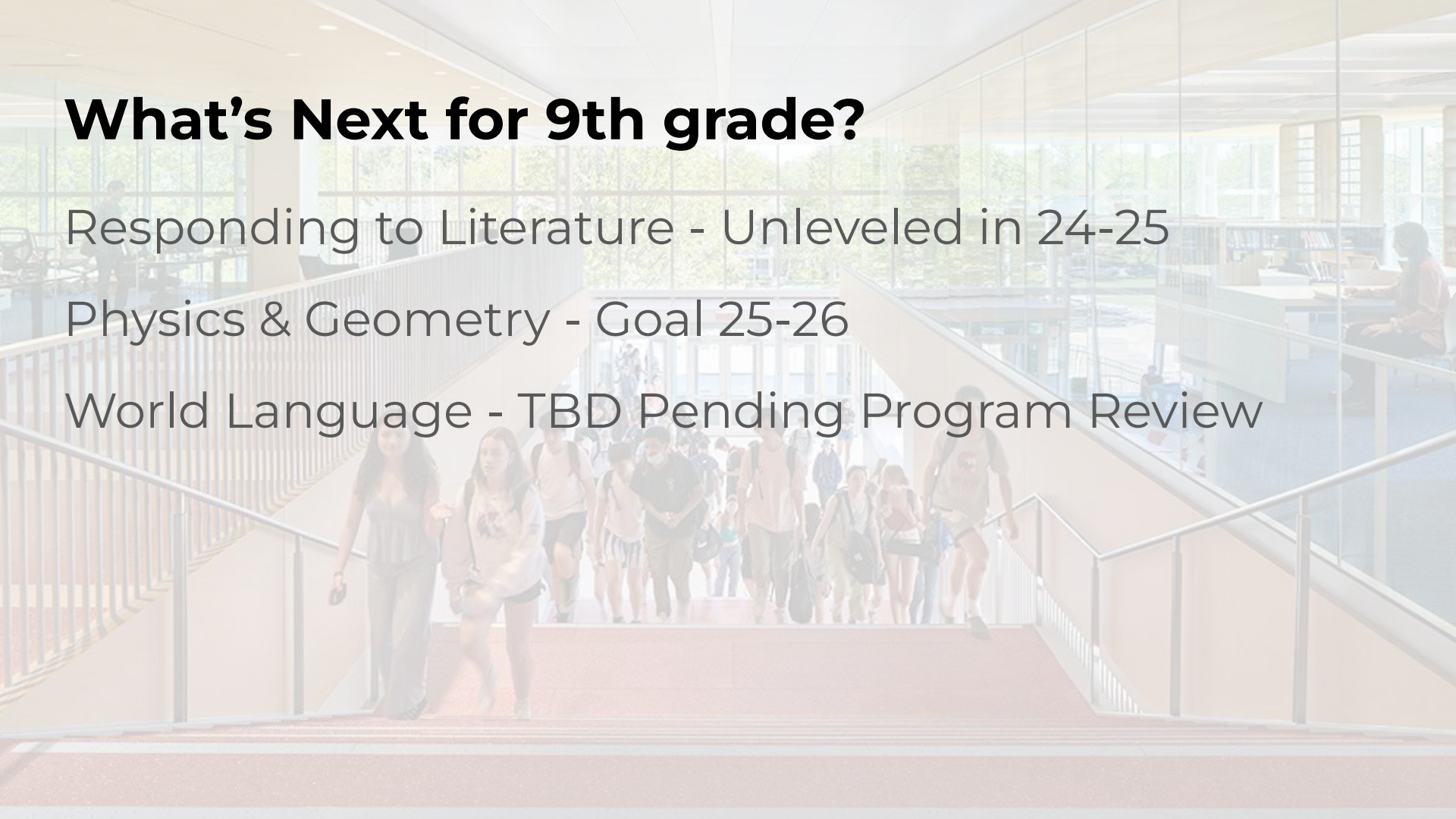


What's Next for 9th grade?

Responding to Literature - Unleveled in 24-25

Physics & Geometry - Goal 25-26

World Language - TBD Pending Program Review



What do we need?

Support for course releases, 24-25 and beyond

Support for research and development

- Summer planning
- Example: Heterogeneous 9th grade Physics, likely first in the country



9th GRADE COURSE SELECTION

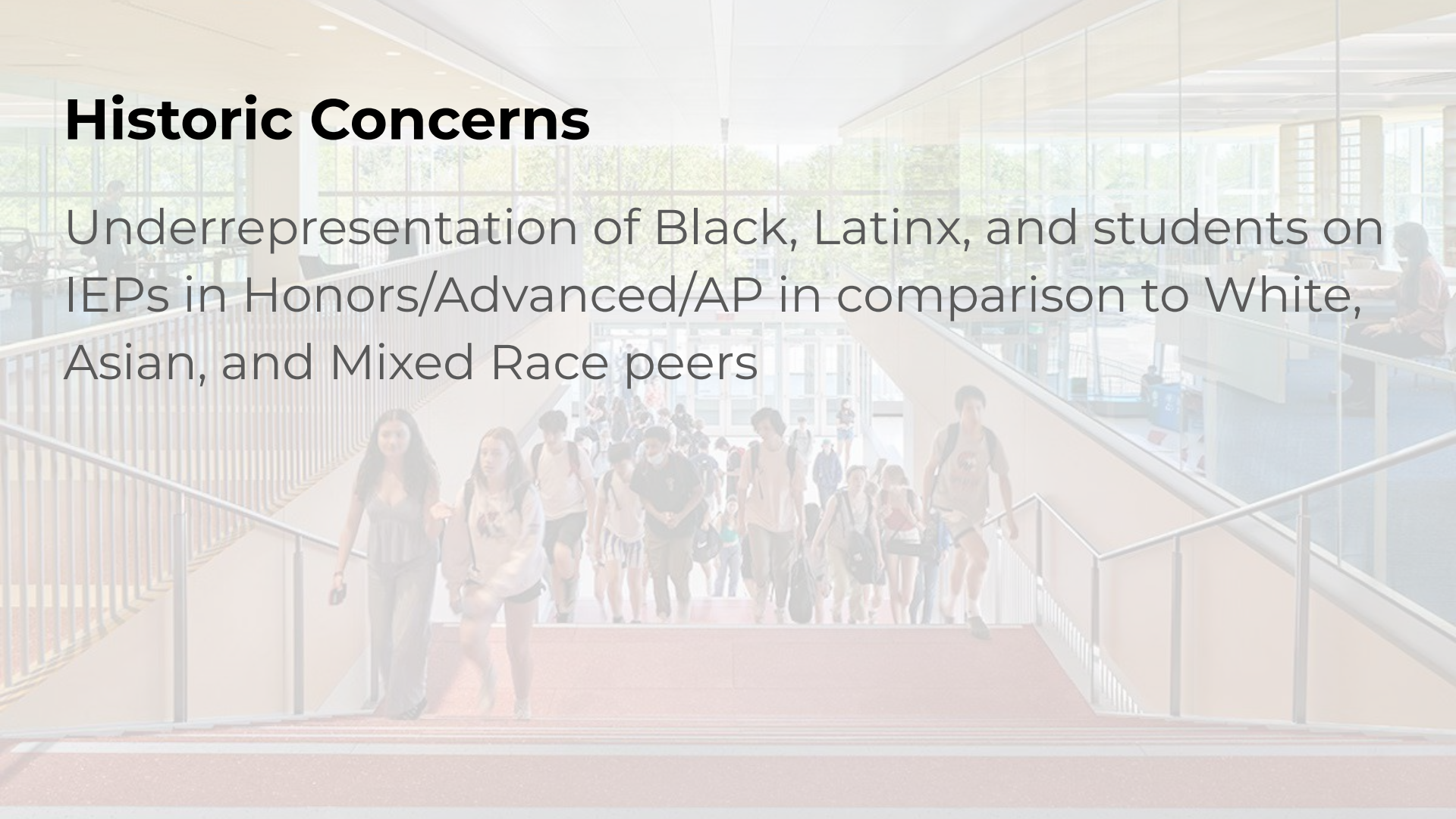
Historic Concerns

Key Challenges

Focus on Math

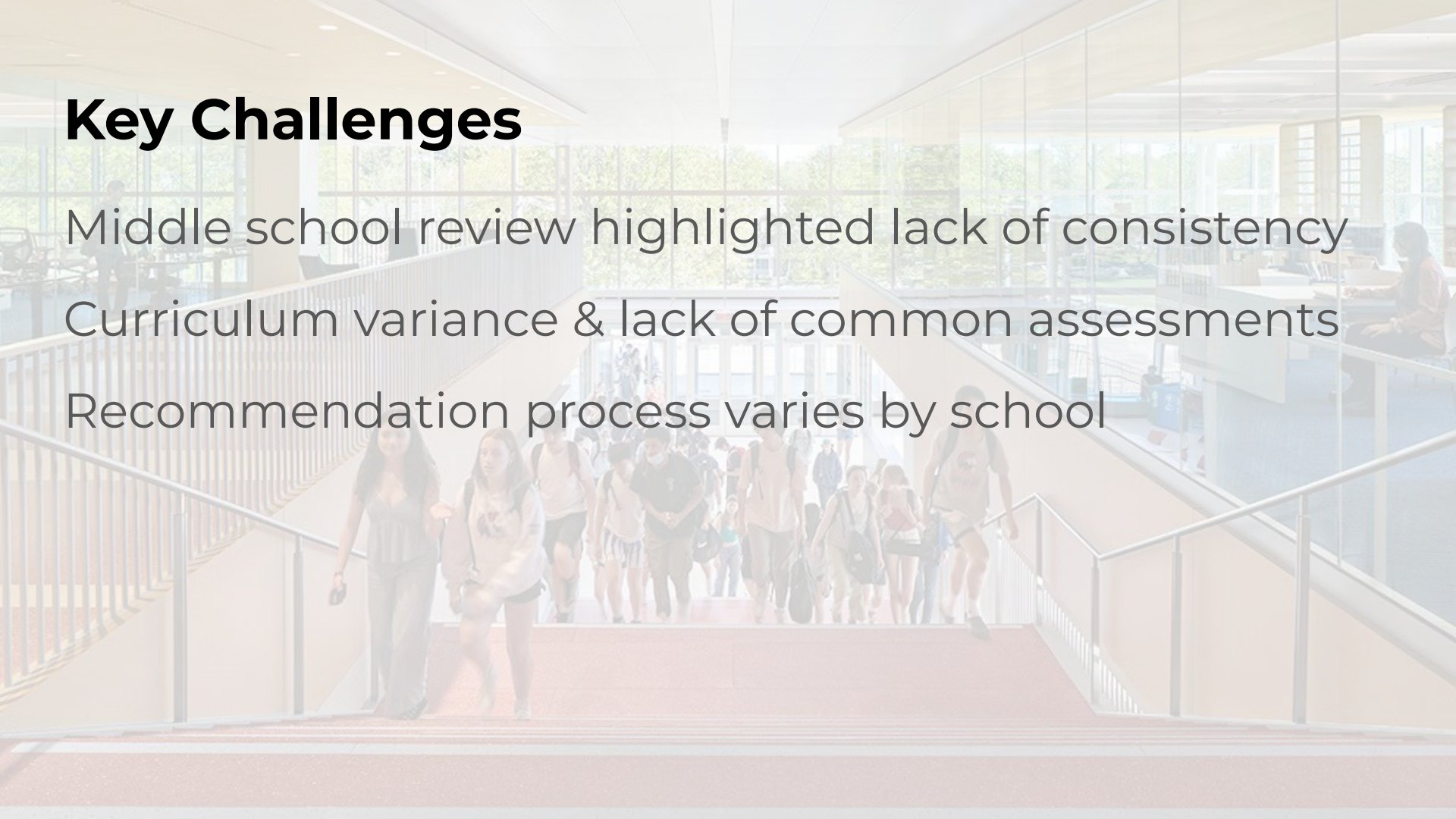
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Underrepresentation of Black, Latinx, and students on IEPs in Honors/Advanced/AP in comparison to White, Asian, and Mixed Race peers



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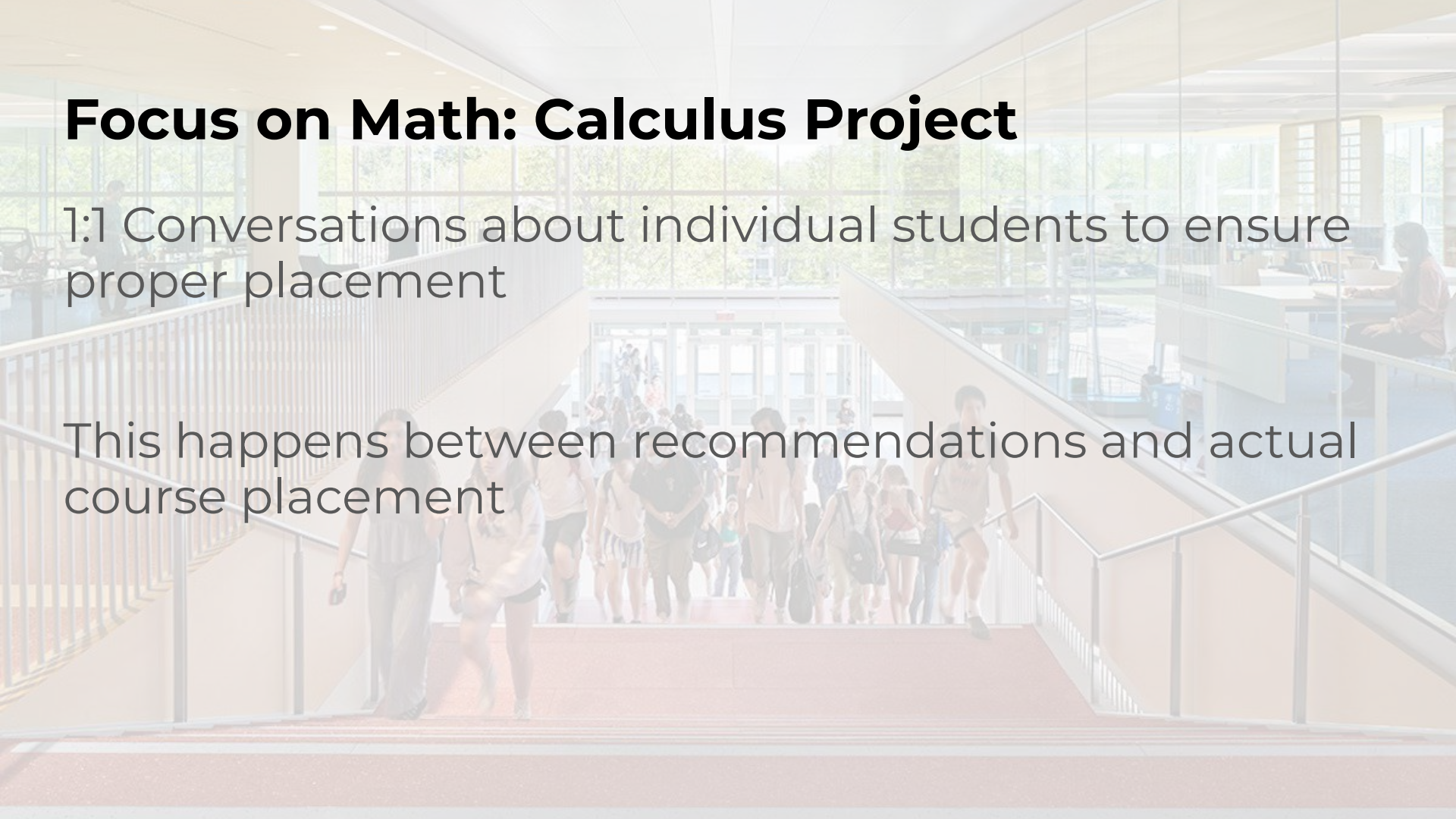
Middle school review highlighted lack of consistency
Curriculum variance & lack of common assessments
Recommendation process varies by school

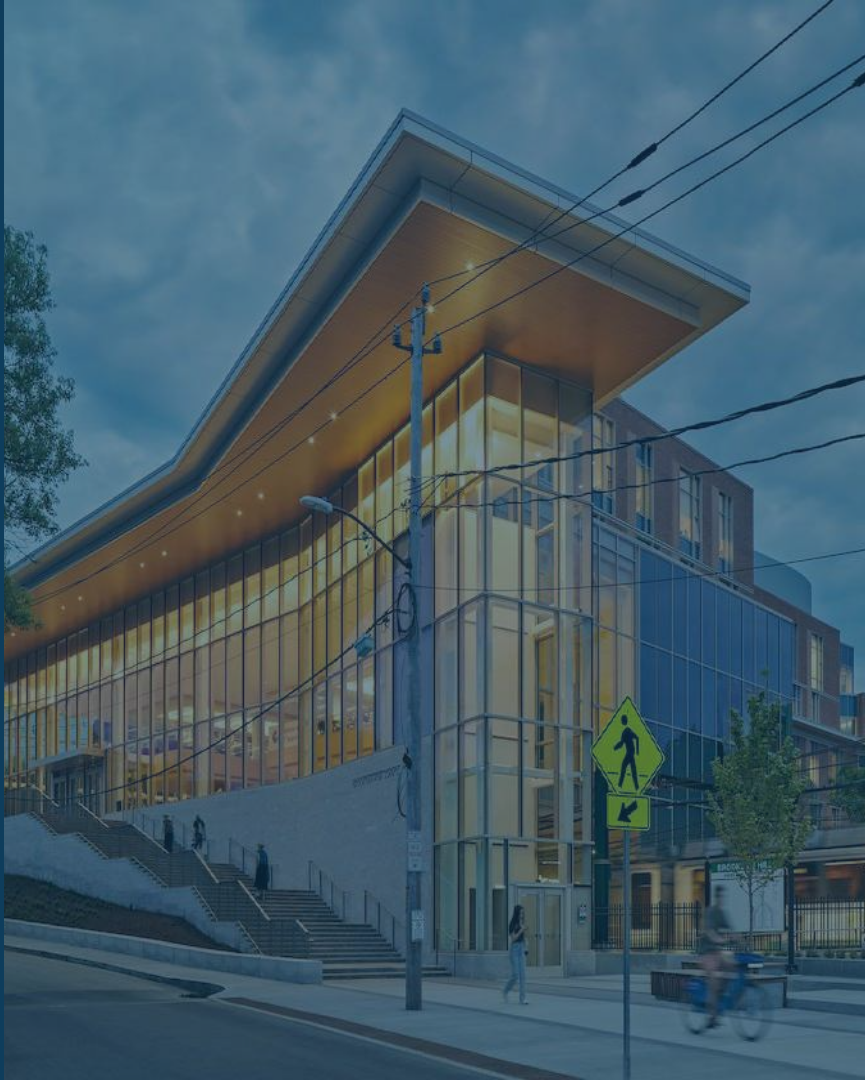


Focus on Math: Calculus Project

1:1 Conversations about individual students to ensure proper placement

This happens between recommendations and actual course placement

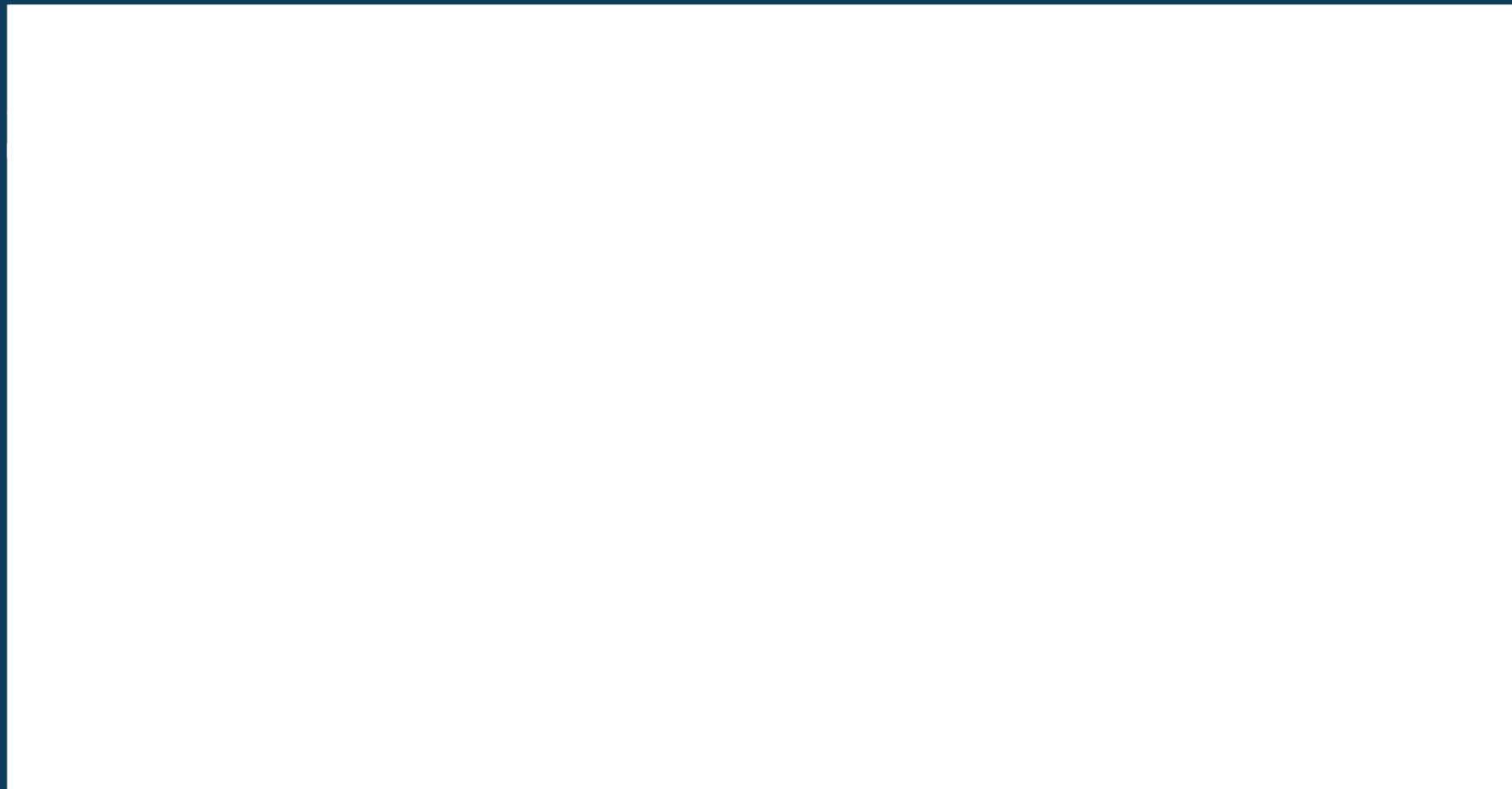




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Outcomes / Goals

- Overview the broad transition process
- Provide updates on Reimagining 9th Grade
- Highlight 9th grade Course Selection





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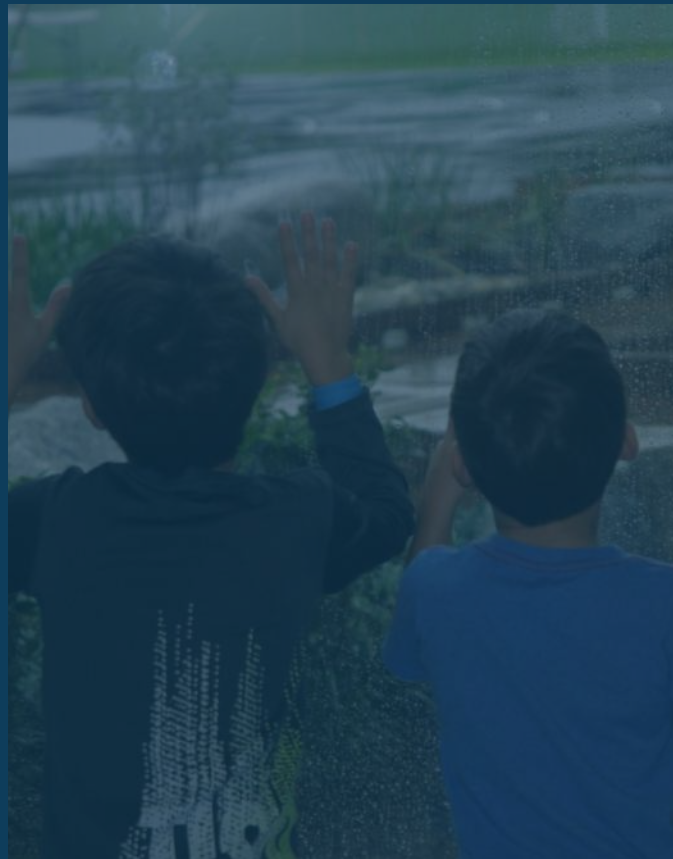
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Key Updates And Highlights

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Agenda

