

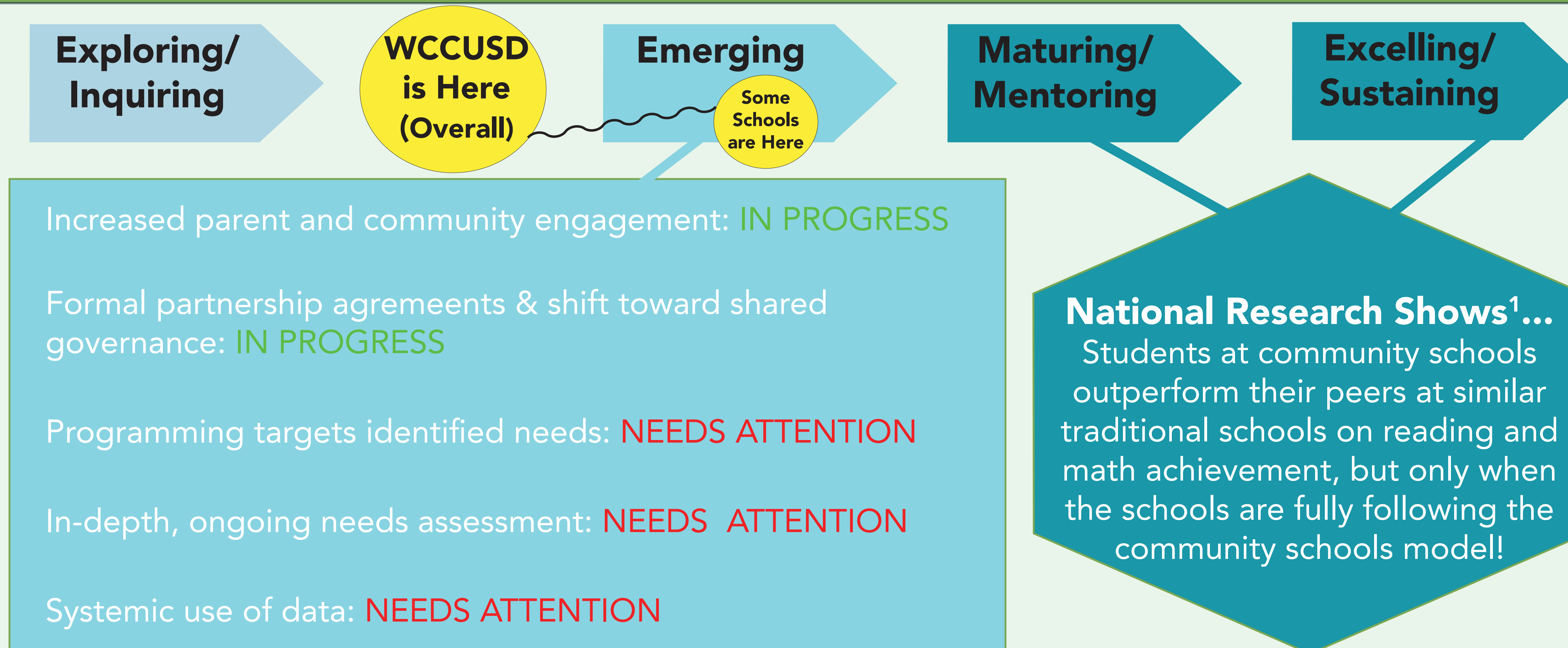
Charting the Course for Successful Community Schools: Using Data & Human Capital to Advance Implementation in WCCUSD

1. Issue

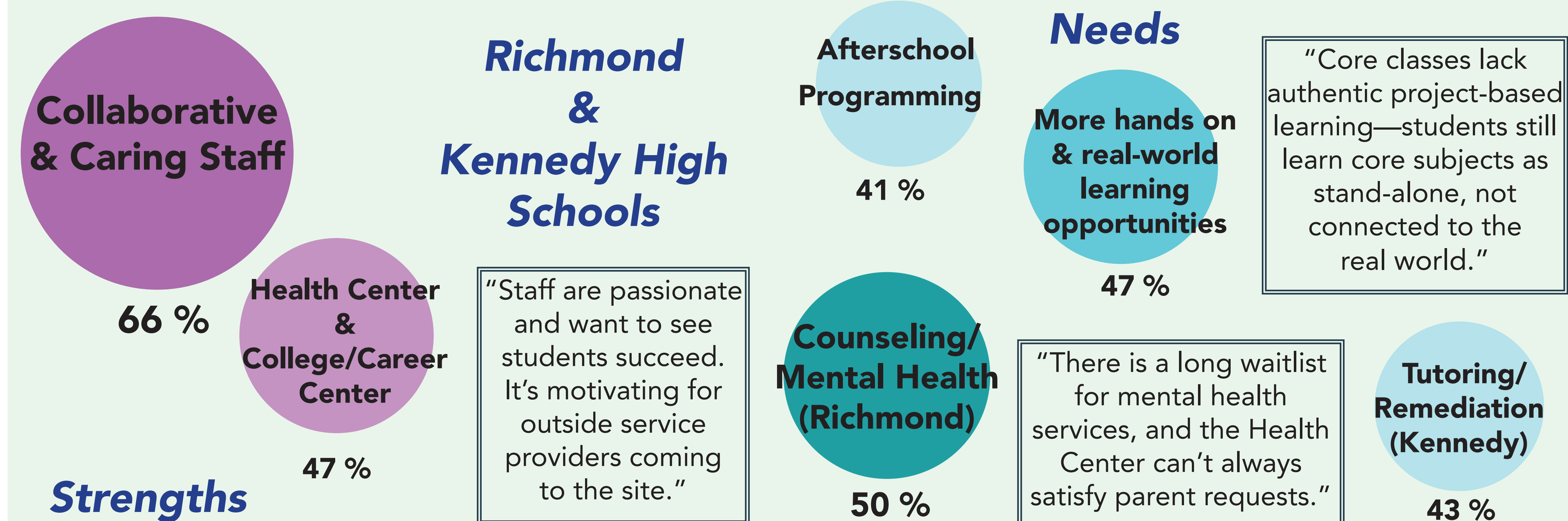
West Contra Costa Unified School District has committed to a districtwide “Full Service Community Schools” strategy that provides integrated social services to support academic achievement and successful life outcomes for students. This project address the following questions.

- 1) What is the current **implementation status** of the WCCUSD community schools initiative?
- 2) How can **data** and **human capital** further advance implementation of community schools programming at the **school site** and **district** level?

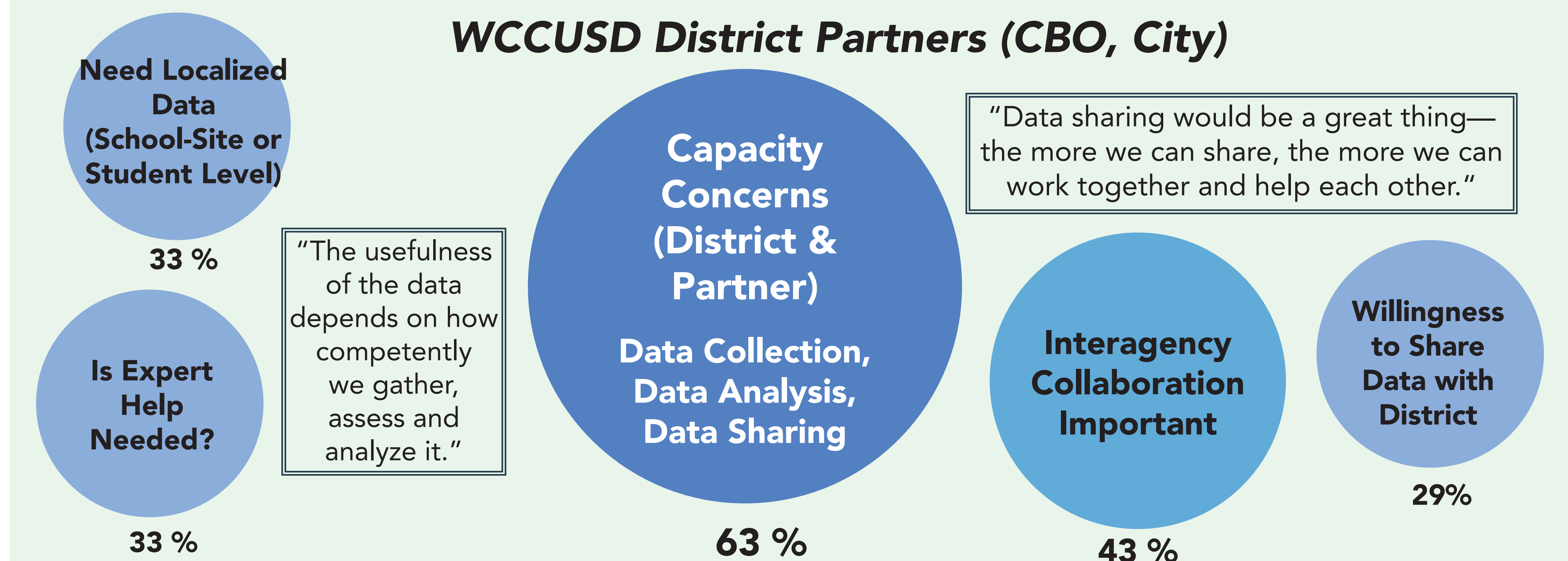
2. Community Schools Implementation



5. School-Level: Needs Assessment



6. District Level: Data Interview Themes



3. Methods

- A. Interviews** of community school experts, WCCUSD district partners and staff at Richmond & Kennedy High Schools (**25 Interviews total**)
- B. Focus Groups** with students and parents at Richmond & Kennedy High Schools (**5 Focus Groups total**)
- C. Research** on community schools implementation, collective impact, case studies to identify promising practices.

4. Promising Practices

- A. Successful community schools** have a Community School Coordinator at each site to gather & analyze data, plan for coordinated services, and oversee providers.
- B. Democratic input** is a key component of a successful Full Service Community School. Data collection and data sharing can help with incorporating input into the planning process.
- C. Evaluation efforts** should focus on program improvement at this stage of the collaborative work.

7. Recommendations

Joint Collectively invest financial and staff resources to support planning, collaboration and data usage among WCCUSD, Cities of Richmond & San Pablo, Healthy Richmond, Contra Costa County & Other Partners

- Community School Coordinators**: Invest in human capital to support community schools implementation at school sites.
- Data Transparency**: Improved website access, possibly school and city fact sheets.
- Shared Performance Measures**: Develop in collaboration with district partners.
- Community Engagement**: Collectively attend trainings and share engagement strategies among partner agencies. **Joint**
- Data Support**: Investigate options for shared data platforms & analytic support from UC Berkeley or other partners. **Joint**