



NOVI COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Bring the Community

Back in Education



My Education:

Bob Steeh,
Director of Community and Adult Education.



- Undergraduate degree – CMU (Central Michigan University)
- Masters in Education Leadership – EMU (Eastern Michigan University)
- Dr. Jack Minzey
- 22 years as Assistant Director of Community Education
- 20 Years as Director of Community Education

My Passions:

My family is my #1 passion.



My Passions:



But, Community Education has been my #2 passion these past 42 years. Improving the quality of life by providing opportunities for and serving our community's preschoolers, school age children, young adults, adults, and all of our residents has been my top priority.

Whether it is providing the education they need or visiting our legislature to fight for their rights in education, there is a need that I want to fulfill for them.



Getting Started:

- First Experience in Community Education
- Access to the Gym
- Unlikely advocate for Community Education
- The great compromise



Definition of Community:

To understand Community Education, one needs an understanding of community.

Community is a *common* unity. It is that one “thing” that unites a group. It could be a common interest, bond, belief, culture, concept, perception, or philosophy.

One of the problems with trying to define Community Education is it keeps changing/evolving, but the best part of that change/evolution is the flexibility to be able to grow as the times change and yet still maintain certain components to give it structure.

Definition of Community Education:

So, what is Community Education?

“Community Education is a philosophical concept which serves the entire community by providing for all of the educational needs of all its community members. It uses the local school to serve as the catalyst for bringing community resources to bear on community problems in an effort to develop a positive sense of community, improve community living and develop the community process toward the end of self-actualization.”

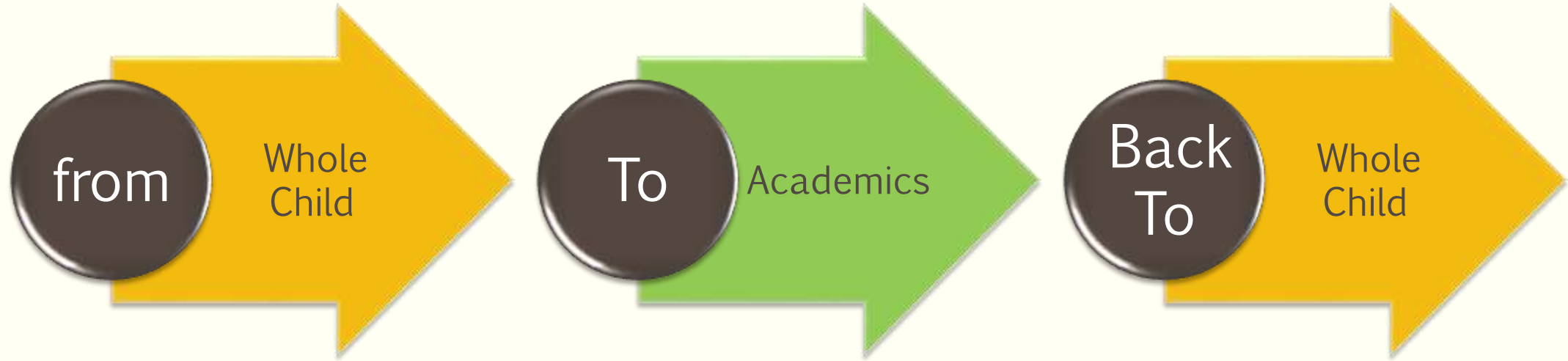
~ Dr. Jack Minzey



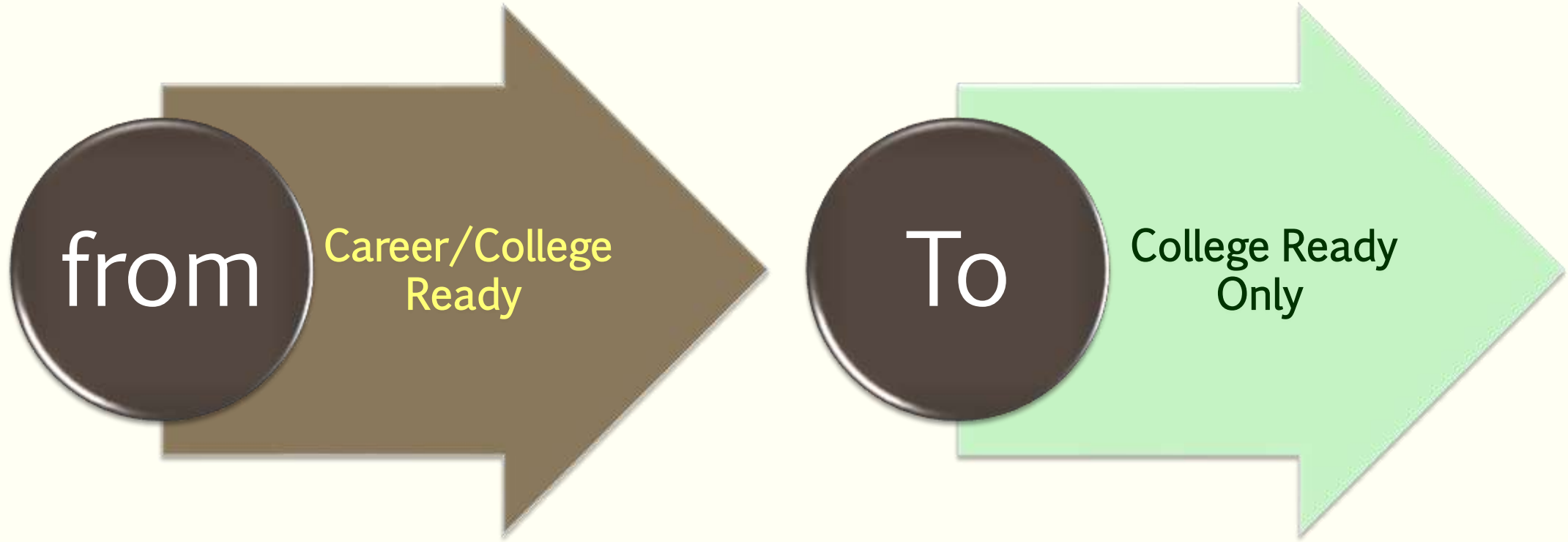
THE BACK STORY

- Launched CE in 1935 in Flint, Michigan
- Prevent Juvenile Delinquency – Keep Kids Safe
- National Prominence
- Dr. Jack Minzey – Regional Centers
- Why the shift away – Funding
- Legislators/Local School Boards
- Intent: Provide Recreational Activity

Focus Change



Shifting Priorities

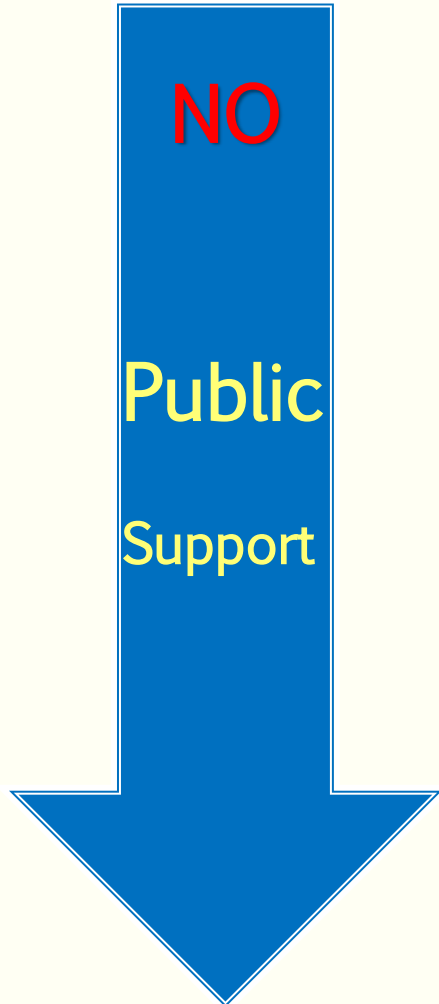


2017 Phi Delta Kappan (PDK) Poll

The Public's Attitude Toward Public Schools poll shows that the public gives more weight to students, job preparation, and interpersonal development than standardized test scores.




2017 PDK Poll



Support for standardized testing.





WHAT'S THE VALUE OF BRINGING THE COMMUNITY INTO THE SCHOOL?

- Increase access to resources to improve student achievement
- Positive relationships of your school district
- Helps community understand your school district

Why have Community Education?

Education is for improving the lives of others and for leaving your community and world better than you found it.

~Marion Wright Edelman

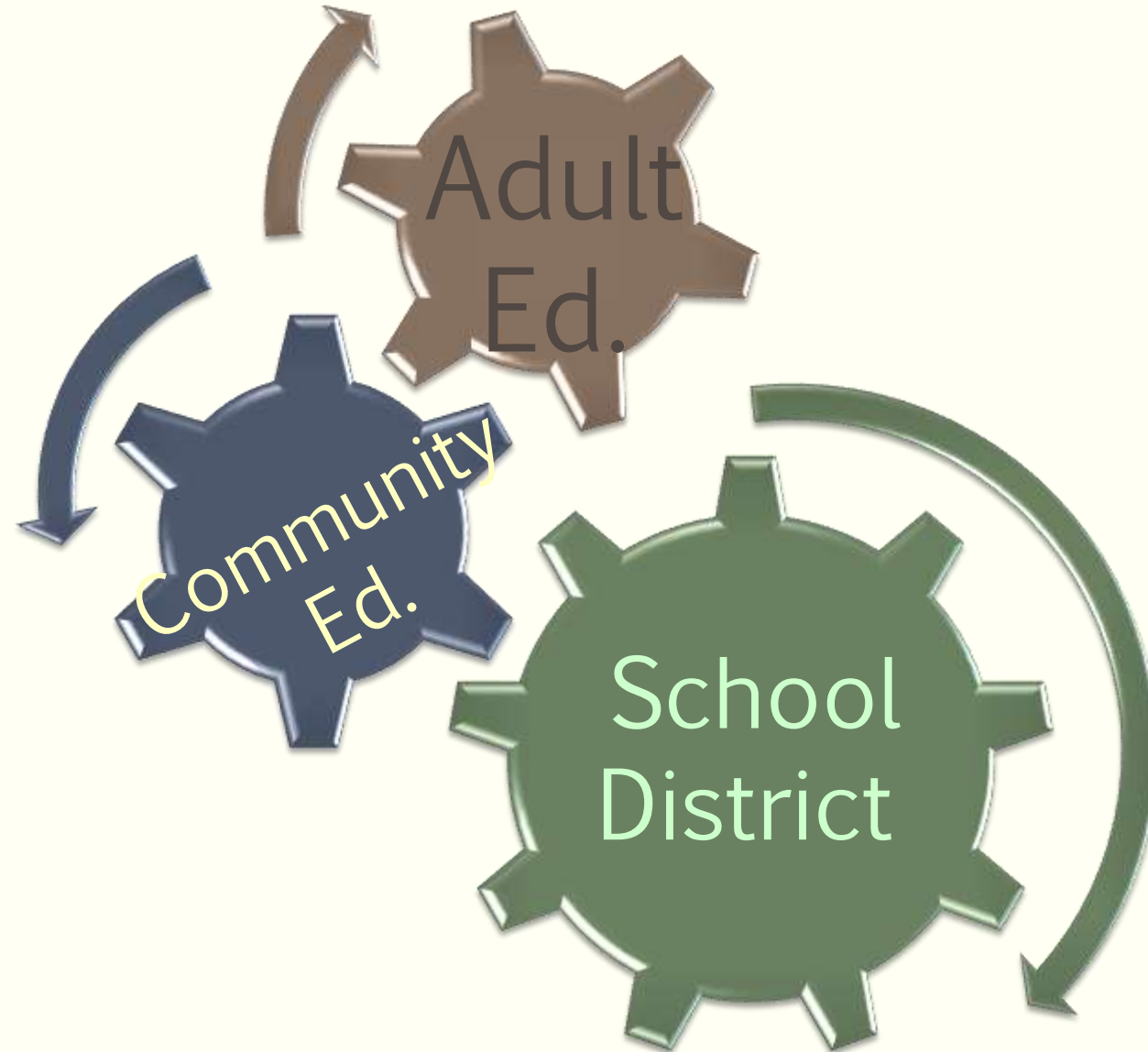


The Novi Model...

VISION:

- To meet the individual learning needs of ALL students
- Promote the joy of lifelong learning
- Value and encourage leadership at all levels
- Embrace and value our diverse population
- Actively engage in collaborative relationships within and beyond the community
- Continually evaluate and secure resources to meet our goals
- *Help all students prepare to become caring, responsible, and productive members of a global society*

Community & Adult Education is an integral Component of our K-12 system



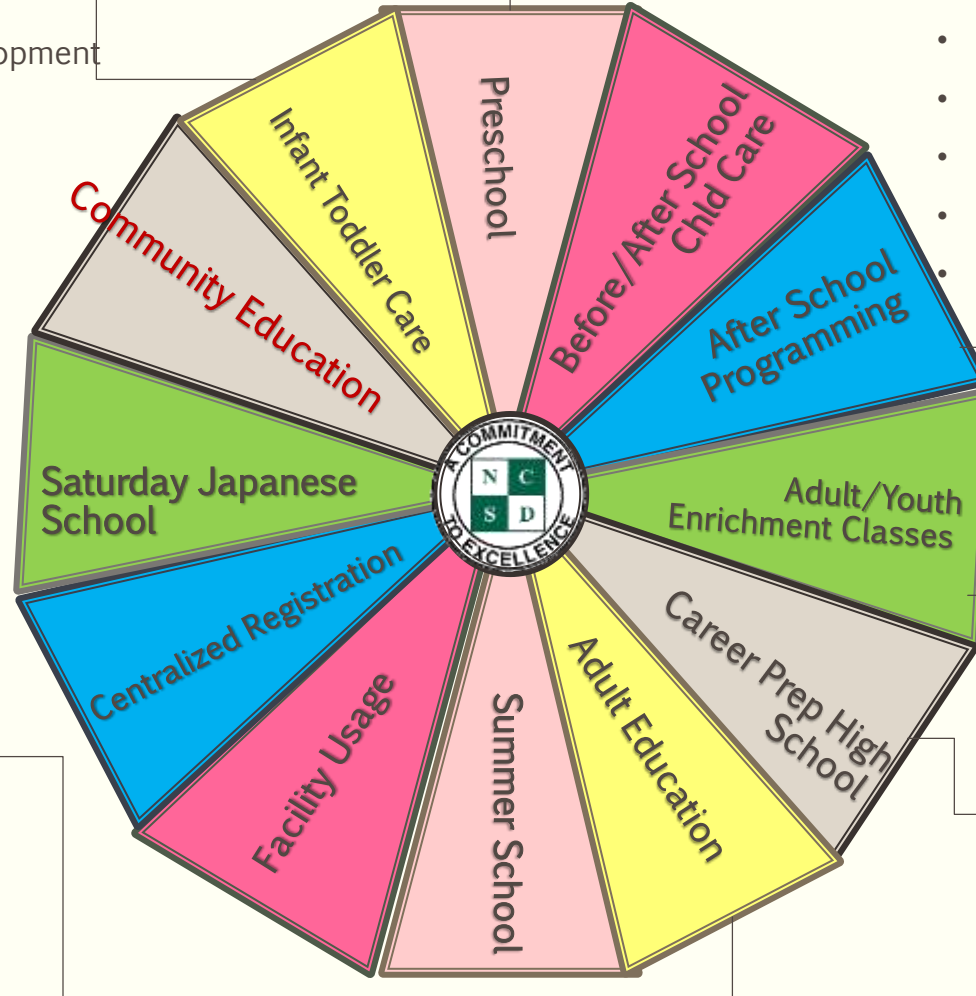
NOVI COMMUNITY & ADULT EDUCATION MODEL

Infant Toddler Care -

- High school students - Child Development Program
- High School Staff use the program

Preschool-

- High school students - Child Development Program
- Special Education
- Career Opportunities-Adult Ed Students
- Continuity of Curriculum with Kindergarten Teachers
- Smooth Transition



After School Programming-

- Classes
- Tutoring support
- Test out opportunities
- Credit Recovery

Adult/Youth Enrichment Classes-

- Public Act 156

Career Prep HS-

- School Business Council
- Paid Mentorships
- Small class size

Adult Education-

- School/Business Council
- Paid Mentorships
- ESL
- Civic Programming
- High School Equivalency (GED)

SHIFT



“Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.”

~Helen Keller



QUESTIONS?

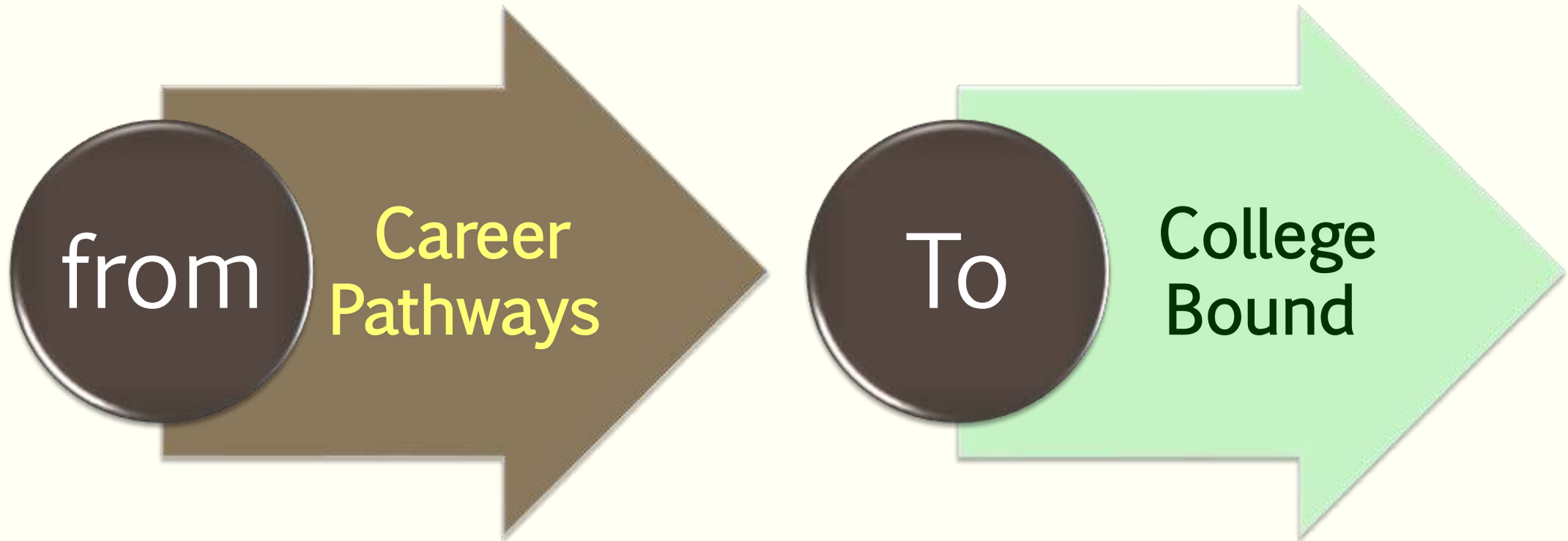
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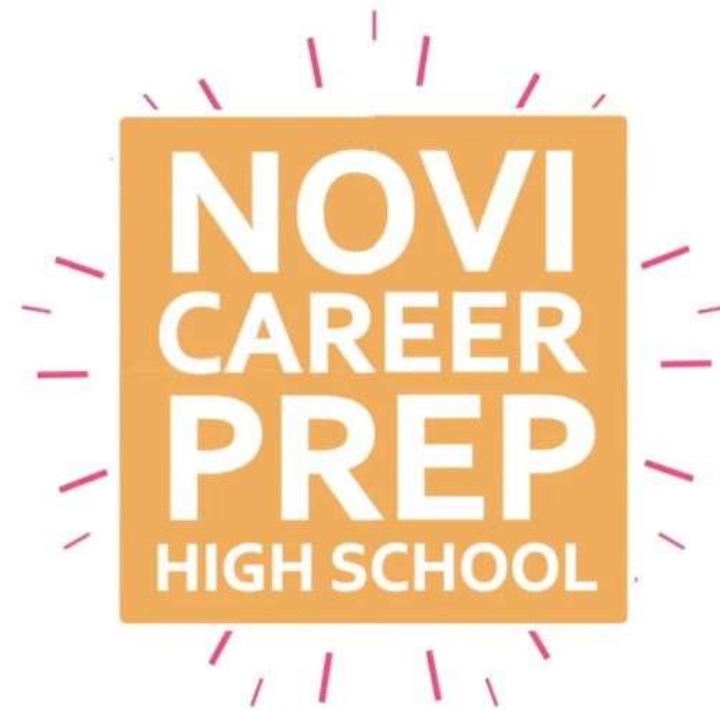
What's the Value of Bringing Community into the School?

There's been a SHIFT



Strengths of Adult Education

- Diversified Funding Sources
- English as a Second Language (ESL)
- GED
- High School Completion (HSC)
- Flexible scheduling to meet student's needs
- Partnerships with business
- Diverse Delivery of instruction
 - Teacher lead
 - Blended
 - Virtual





Early Childhood Education
Center