



# Parents for Public Schools

## School Governance: Module 1 School Site Council (SSC) *Fundamentals*

*Helping parents and educators become partners  
in improving student achievement*

# Parents for Public Schools - SF



- A nonprofit organization
- Funded by donations from parents and organizations
- Supporting public education.

PPS-SF is a parent to parent network building and ensuring quality public schools for all children in San Francisco.

# PPS -- Parent to Parent Network



- Changing perceptions of public schools
- Helping parents enroll in public schools
- Developing and supporting parent leaders
- Advocating for quality public school education.



# School Site Council Modules

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- 1. School Site Council Fundamentals**
- 2. Reviewing your School's Academic Performance**
- 3. ELAC Made Easy**
- 4. Elections, Meetings and Bylaws**
- 5. Monitoring the Academic Plan**
- 6. Align Budget with School Priorities**
- 7. School Surveys and Community Meetings**
- 8. Developing the Academic Plan**

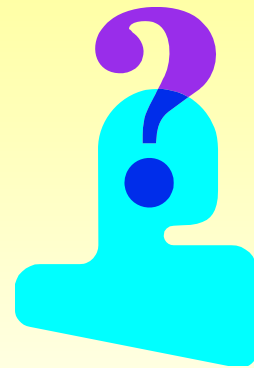
# This Module Covers

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- **Purpose of a SSC**
- **Role of the SSC in developing the Balanced Scorecard/ Single Plan for Student Achievement (BSC/SPSA)/Academic Plan**
- **Roles and responsibilities of Site Council members**

# What Do You Know about School Site Councils?





# Why SSC?

# Required Partnership



- SSC is required in every school.
- SSC is a *partnership* between **parents**, **school** staff, & **community** members working together to create an optimal environment for learning & achievement.



# SSC Focus



Creates an optimal learning environment through:



Developing and monitoring Academic Plan & Budget



Broader role,  
per SFUSD  
Policy

SSC required for schools receiving state and federal categorical funds (e.g., Title I)



Develops and monitors a plan for spending categorical funds



Limited role,  
per  
California Ed  
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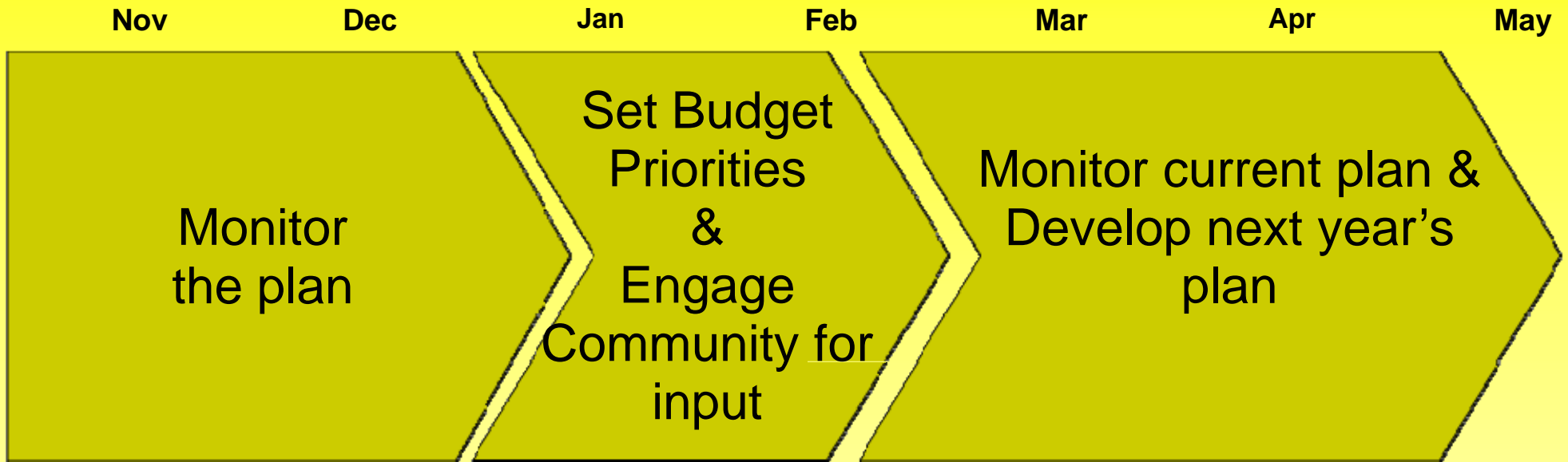
# SFUSD's Philosophy of School Governance



- Site-based decision making
- Shared decision-making



# Academic Planning Timeline





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# Who are the SSC Members?

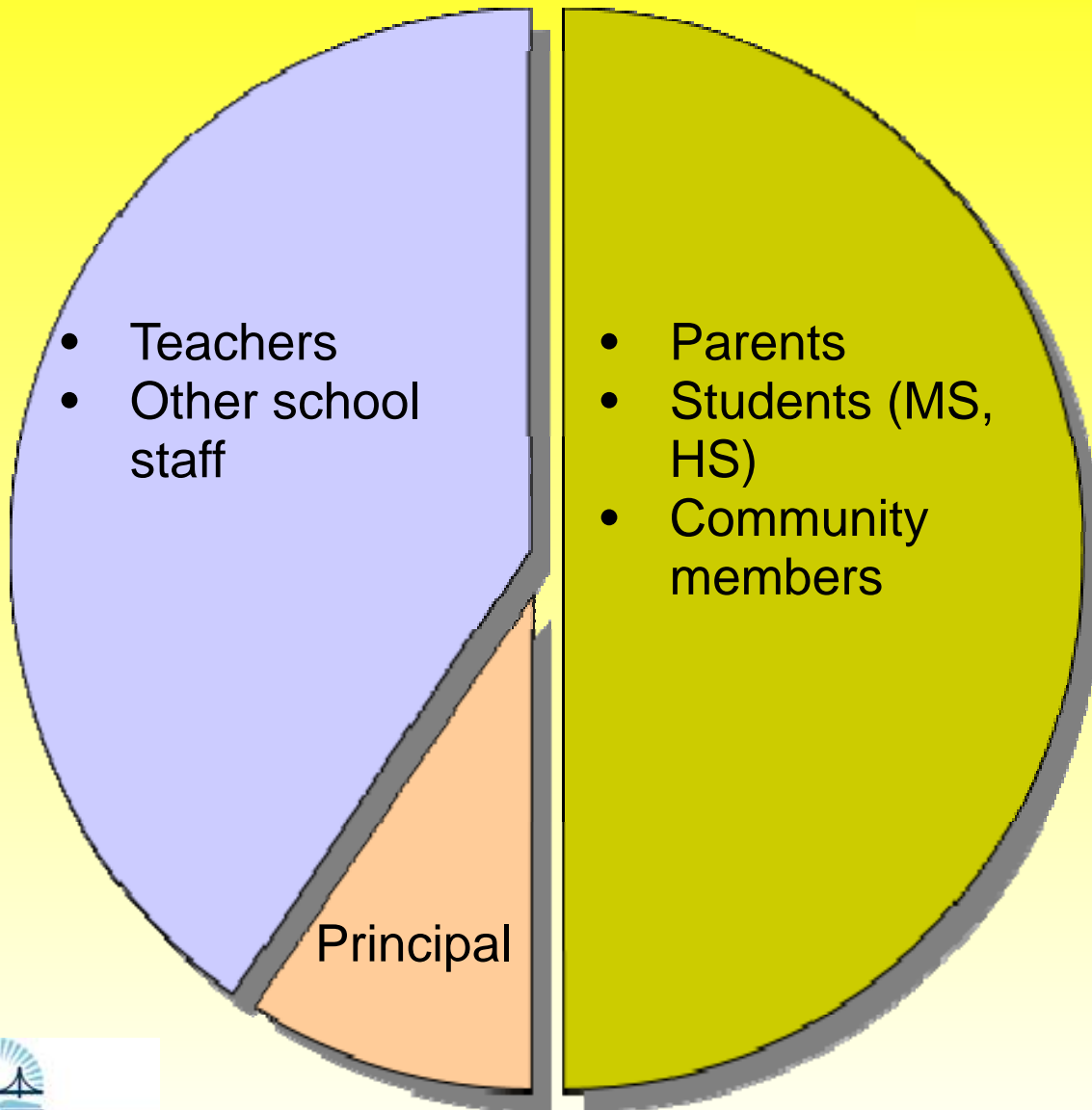
# SSC Members



- Any parent, community member, student, teacher, or staff can run for the SSC.
- All members are elected, except the principal.
- Peers elect peers.



# Parent Elections



## Parent Elections:

- All parents and community members are allowed to run.
- All parents/guardians are allowed to vote.



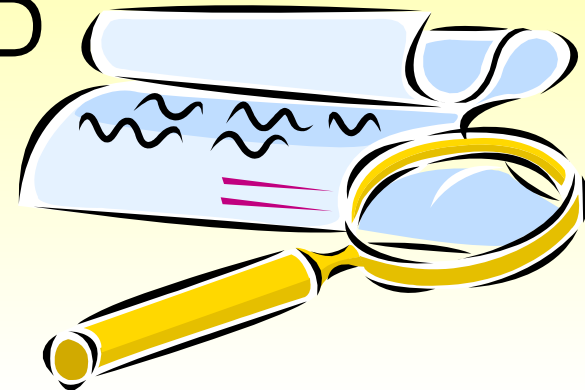
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# What does the School Site Council Do?

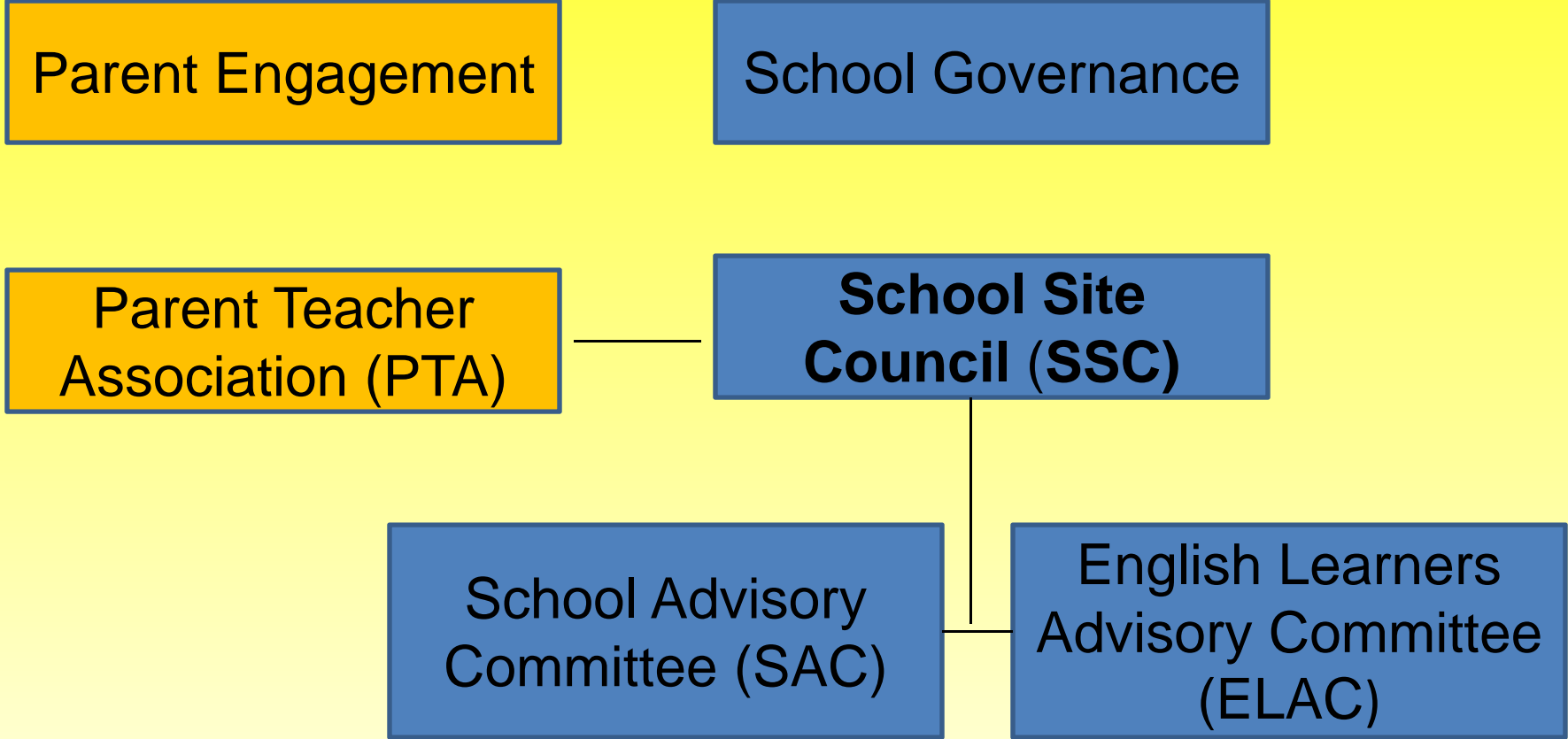
# Role of SSC



- Develop an Academic Plan (Balanced Score card/Single Plan for Student Achievement) – are our kids learning?
- Advise the school with budgeting and evaluating the School Site Plan.
- Community Input from teachers, parents and community members.
- Support the goals of SFUSD



# School Site Council Partners



# SSC Do's and Don'ts



## DON'T:

- Micromanage principal and staff.
- Try to hire and fire staff
- Review lesson plans or try to manage instruction.
- Pursue personal agendas.

## DO:

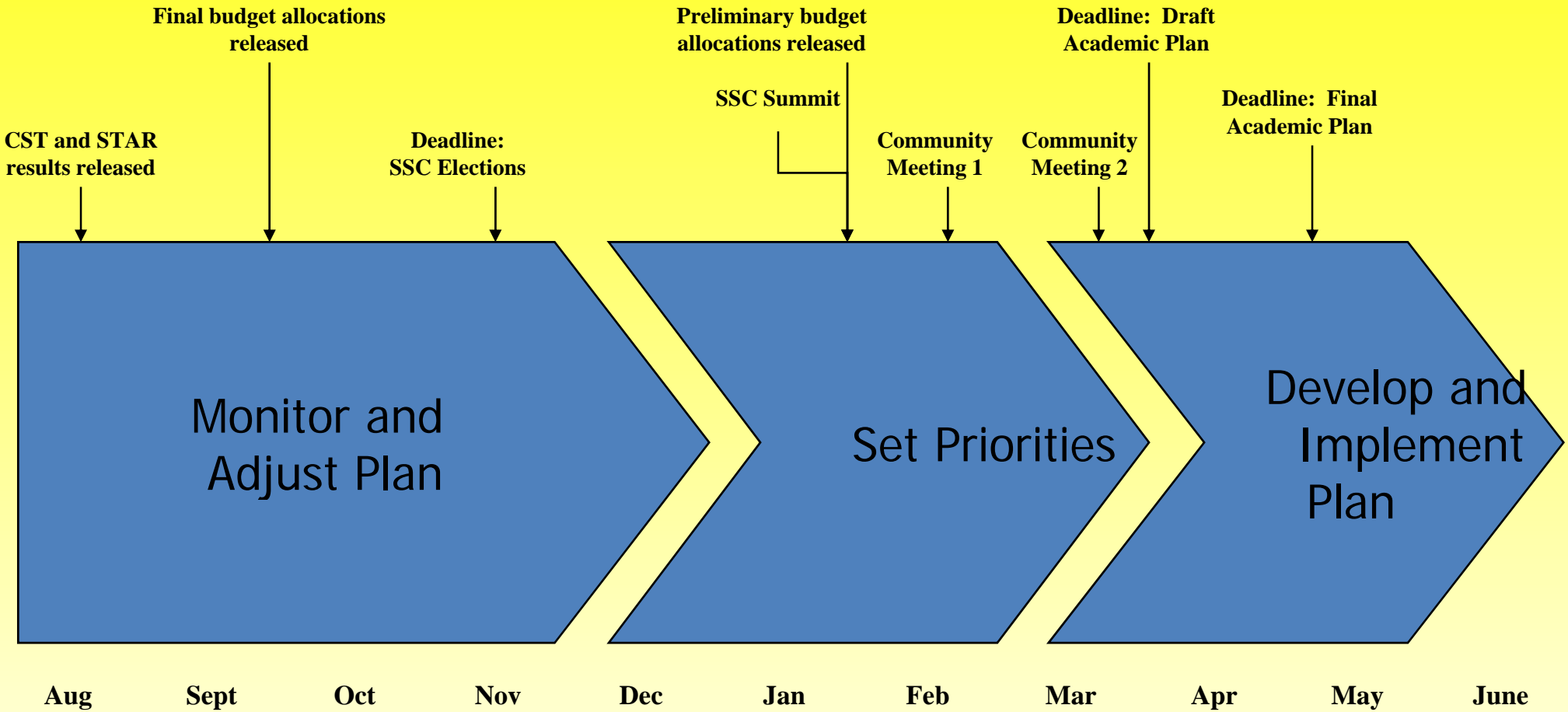
- Monitor implementation of BSC/SPSA.
- Look to principal as school's instructional leader.
- Remember that SSC is responsible for the whole school, & achievement of all students.
- Ask Questions!!



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# The Role of the SSC in Developing the BSC/SPSA

# SSC Timeline



# Aligning the BSC/SPSA with the District Strategic Plan

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**Access & Equity: social justice**

**Achievement: engagement and joy**

**Accountability to parents and students**

# BSC/SPSA



## The Balanced Scorecard/Single Plan for Student Achievement

- Proposed school plan to improve student achievement through:
  - Activities
  - Expectations
  - Measures
  - Budgets

# Step 1:

# Engage with the Community



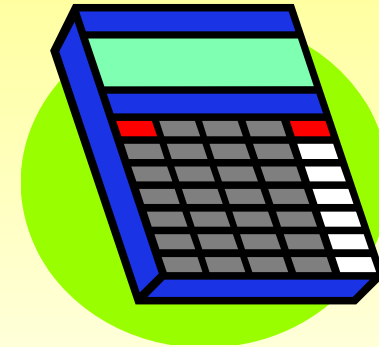
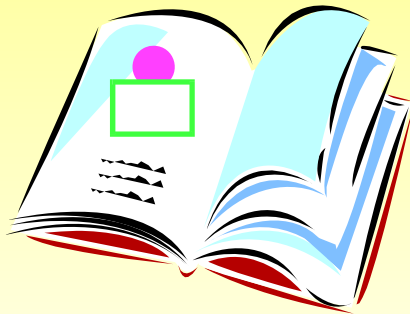
- Reach out beyond the usual group of parents.
- Share information about data
- Assess community values and priorities of the greater school community



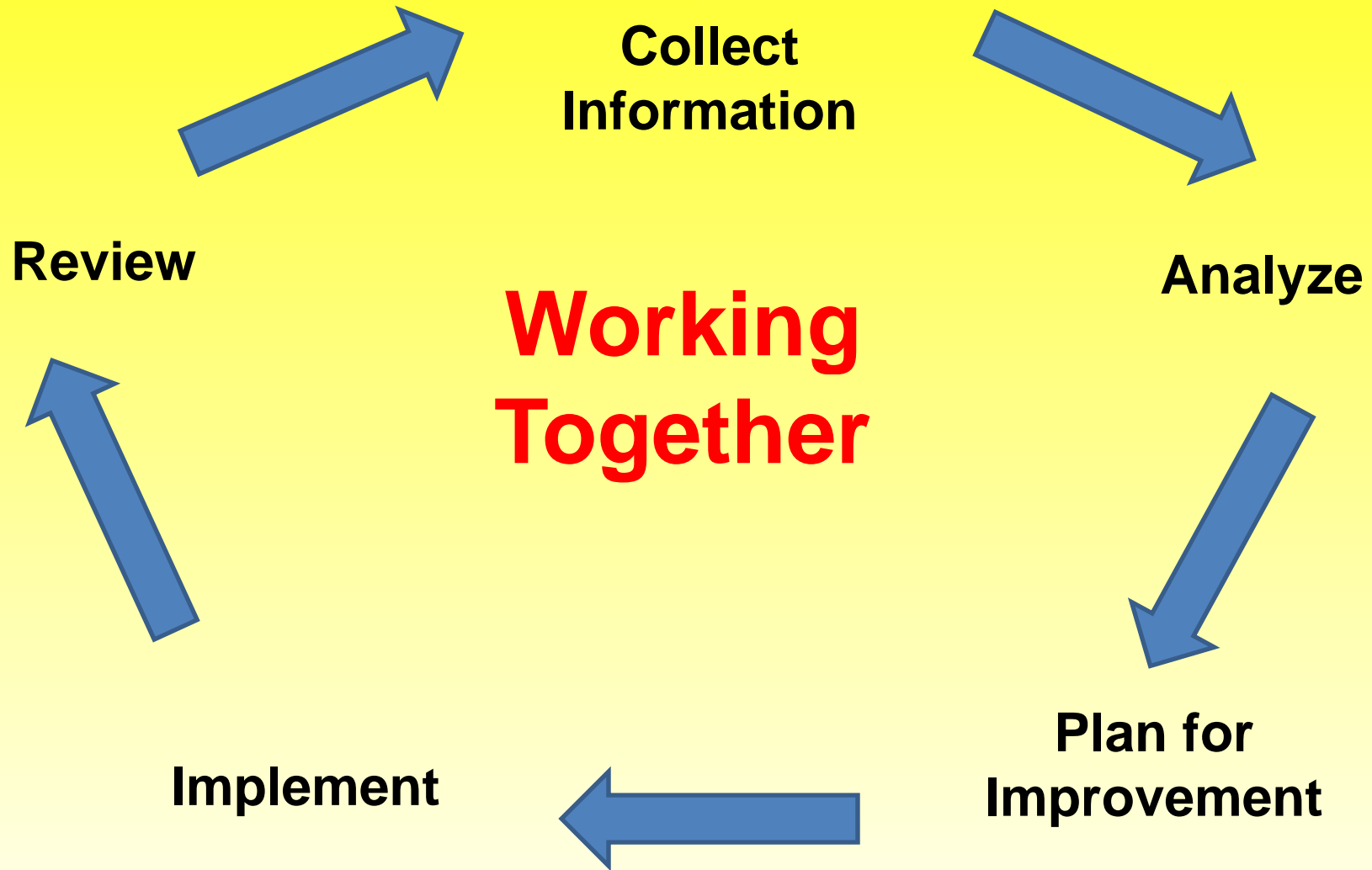
# Step 2: Create the Academic Plan



- Create activities to support the three goals
- Data should help prioritize activities
  - How are your students doing academically?
  - How much money do you have to spend?
  - What does the community want?



# Step 3: Monitor the Academic Plan





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# What Did You Learn?

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- **SSC required in every school**

- **SSC is partnership between parents, school staff, and community**

- **Anyone can run**

- <http://www.sfusd.edu/en/councils-committees/school-site-council.html>



- **SSC develops Academic Plan (BSC)**

- **Works to support the learning of all students**

- **Works with ELAC and SAC**

# Questions



# Thank You

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