Schools in Partnership: A Paradigm Shift in Education
School & Community

- The new identity and meaning of school
- Through partnerships and collaboration

www.wingspanpartnerships.org
Wingspan’s Mission

To narrow the education gap through partnerships between public and private schools
Wingspan’s Story

- Hurricane Katrina
- Wingspan Response

www.wingspanpartnerships.org
The Education Gap

The Nation

- Demographics
- Funding
- Opportunities
- Outcomes

www.wingspanpartnerships.org
## Education Statistics

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th></th>
<th>POVERTY</th>
<th>ELL</th>
<th>GRAD RATE</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Cleveland</td>
<td>100%</td>
<td>5.5%</td>
<td>54.3%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Rochester</td>
<td>80.6%</td>
<td>9%</td>
<td>37%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Worcester</td>
<td>65.8%</td>
<td>23.3%</td>
<td>70.5%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Los Angeles</td>
<td>67.7%</td>
<td>41.5%</td>
<td>48.7%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>National Average</td>
<td>40.6%</td>
<td>8.6%</td>
<td>73.4%</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Why such interest in partnerships?

- Greater needs, smaller budgets
- Whole communities taking ownership
- Business, university stimulation
- Leadership across institutional boundaries
New Context: Paradigm Shift

Preparation

Engagement

www.wingspanpartnerships.org
Service

Community service → Service learning → Community engagement

www.wingspanpartnerships.org
A 21ST CENTURY IMPERATIVE
A Guide to Becoming a School of the Future
Schools of the Future

- Navigate across cultures
- Solve problems creatively
- Demonstrate integrity and ethical decision-making
- Extend beyond the school walls

www.wingspanpartnerships.org
Evolution of partnerships

- Local
- Regional
- National
School Community Partnerships

- Santa Rosa CA: Sonoma Academy
- Worcester MA: Worcester Academy
- Santa Ana and Costa Mesa CA: Sage Hill
- Rochester NY: The Harley School
Engage Students Now

- Experiential Education
- In company with diverse people
- Solving real-world problems
- On a level playing field
- Demanding ethical decision-making
- Beyond the school walls

www.wingspanpartnerships.org
What does it take for a partnership to work?

- Shared goals
- Mutual benefit and respect
- Collaboration not control
- Dedicated strategy, leadership and support
- Review, assessment, modification
• Schools and Consortia
• Summer Programs
• NPEA and Wingspan
• NAIS
• US Department of Education
• PSPP Symposia