

U.S Conference of Mayors Summit on At-Risk Youth

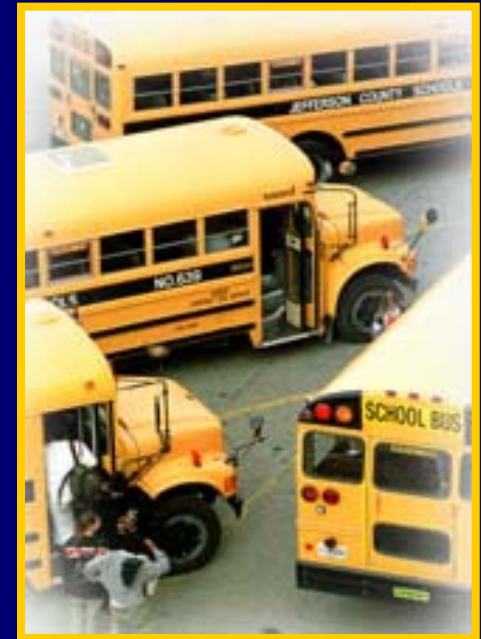
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Jefferson County Public Schools

- **26th largest school district in U.S.**
- **97,600 students** (slightly increased over last 5 years)
 - 1/7 of all students in KY
 - 34.7% African-American (1/2 of all African-American students in KY)
 - 57.6% White
 - 7.7% Other
- **150 Schools**
 - **Preschool..... 3- and 4-year-olds**
 - **K-5 (Elementary)..... 86 schools**
 - **6-8 (Middle)..... 22 schools**
 - **9-12 (High)..... 19 schools**
 - **Special Education..... 3 schools**
 - **Alternative/Other..... 20 schools**



Jefferson County Public Schools

- **Proportion of school-aged children**

- 78.2% - JCPS
- 21.8% - Private/Parochial

- **Non-English Language Background students**

- 4,128 (4.2%) students
- 823% growth since 1990
- 40% of state NCLB

- **Exceptional Child Education**

- 13,792 students ages 3-21
- Home/Hospital students

- **Homeless students**

- 4,900 (5%) students
- 315% growth since 1993

- **Single-parent households**

- 54% of total JCPS population
- 82% of the JCPS African-American population

- **Free or reduced-price lunch**

- 61% of Elementary students
- 4% increase since 2002-03

Get Them In School!



Keep Them In School!



Teach Them To Proficiency!

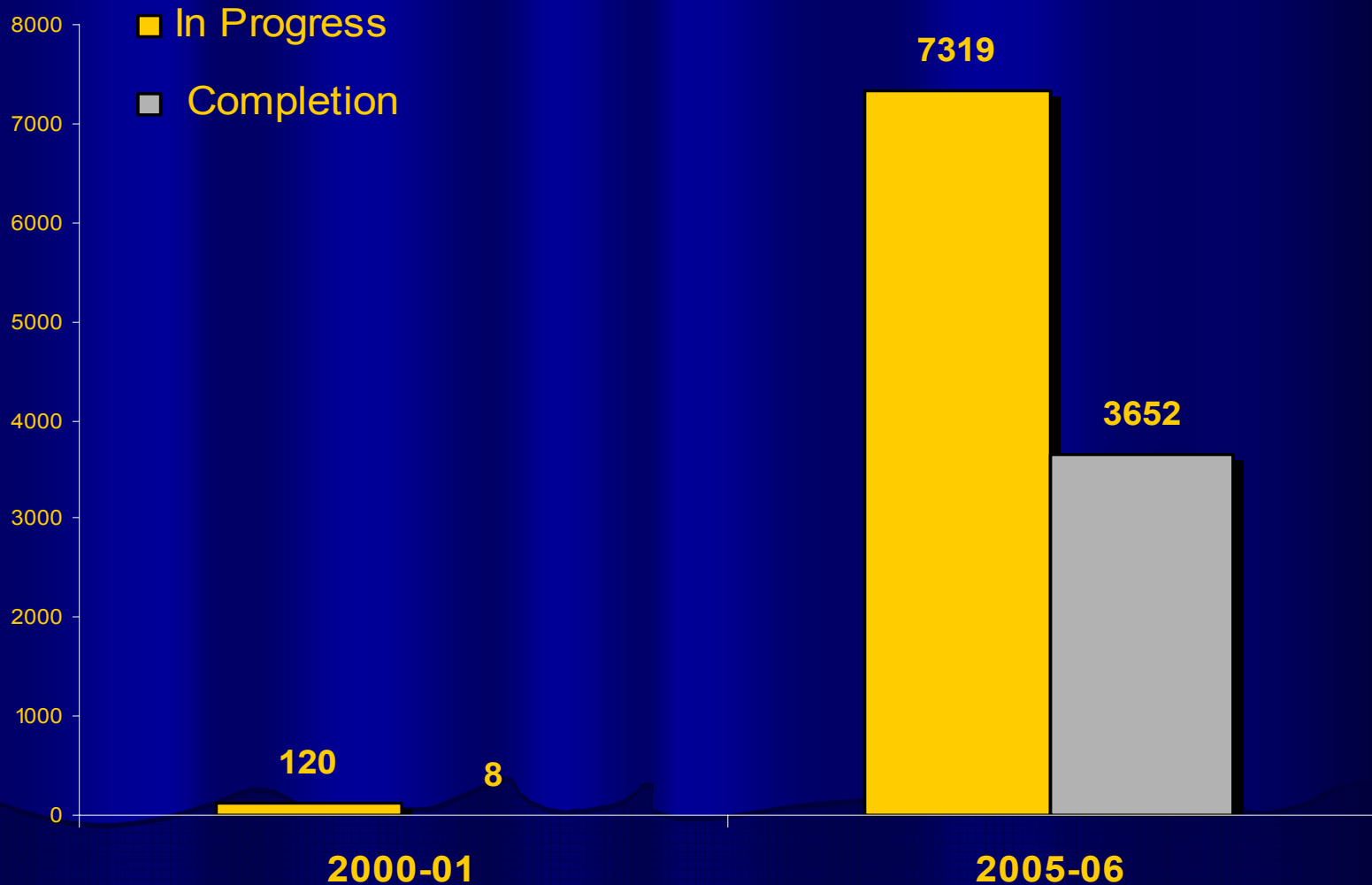
Program to Meet Student Needs

- **Magnet Career Academies-**
 - **11,000 students in 104 programs**
 - **Automotive Technology**
 - **Building Technology**
 - **Computer Technology**
 - **Performing Arts**
 - **Automated Manufacturing/Pre-Engineering**
 - **Aviation**
 - **Health Careers**
 - **Teaching**
 - **Radio & Television**
 - **Entrepreneurship**

Program to Meet Student Needs (Continued)

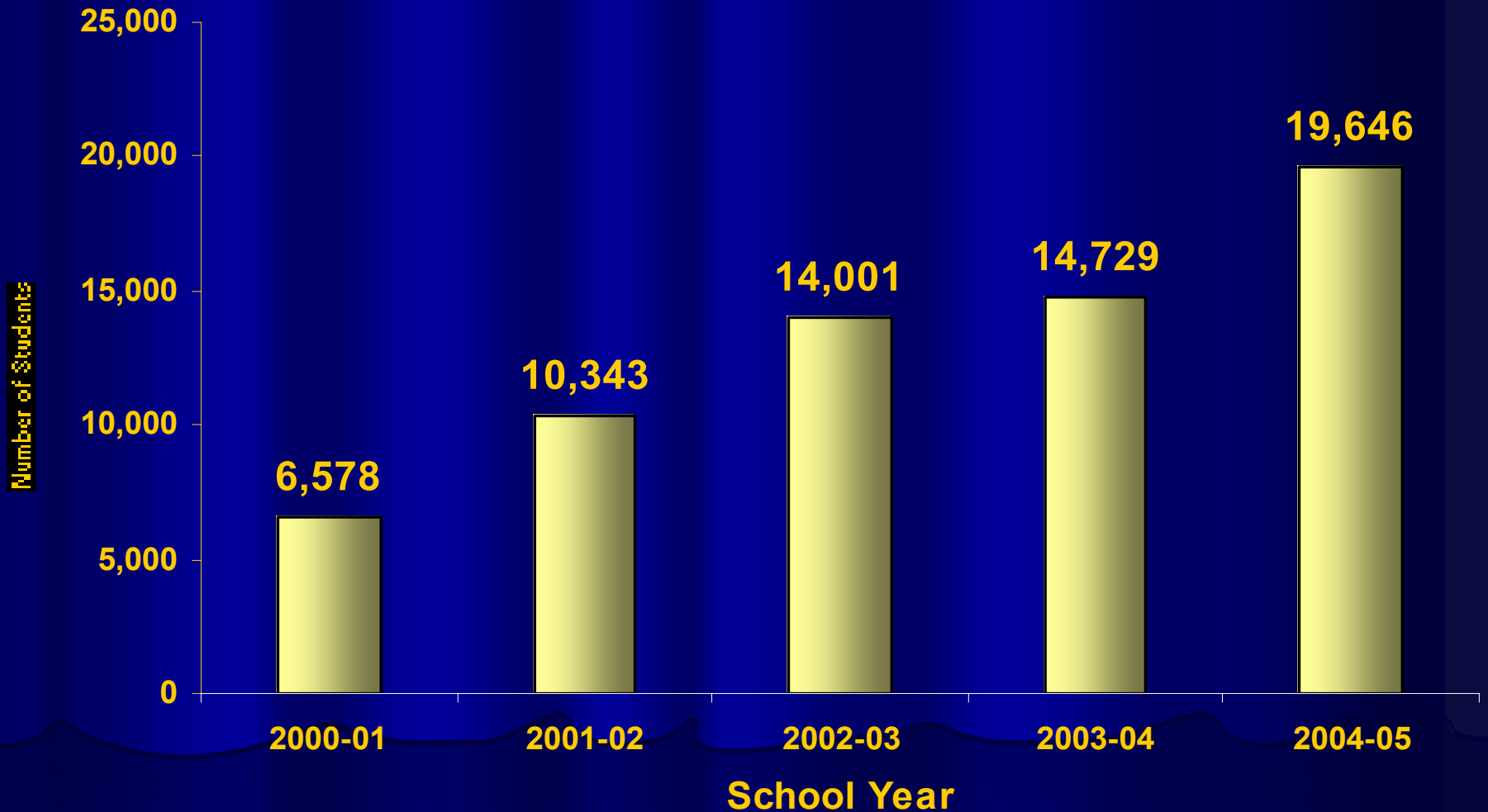
- 950 Value added agreements
 - Attendance
 - Grades
 - Mentor
 - Post-Secondary support

JCPS eSchool Course Enrollments and Completions

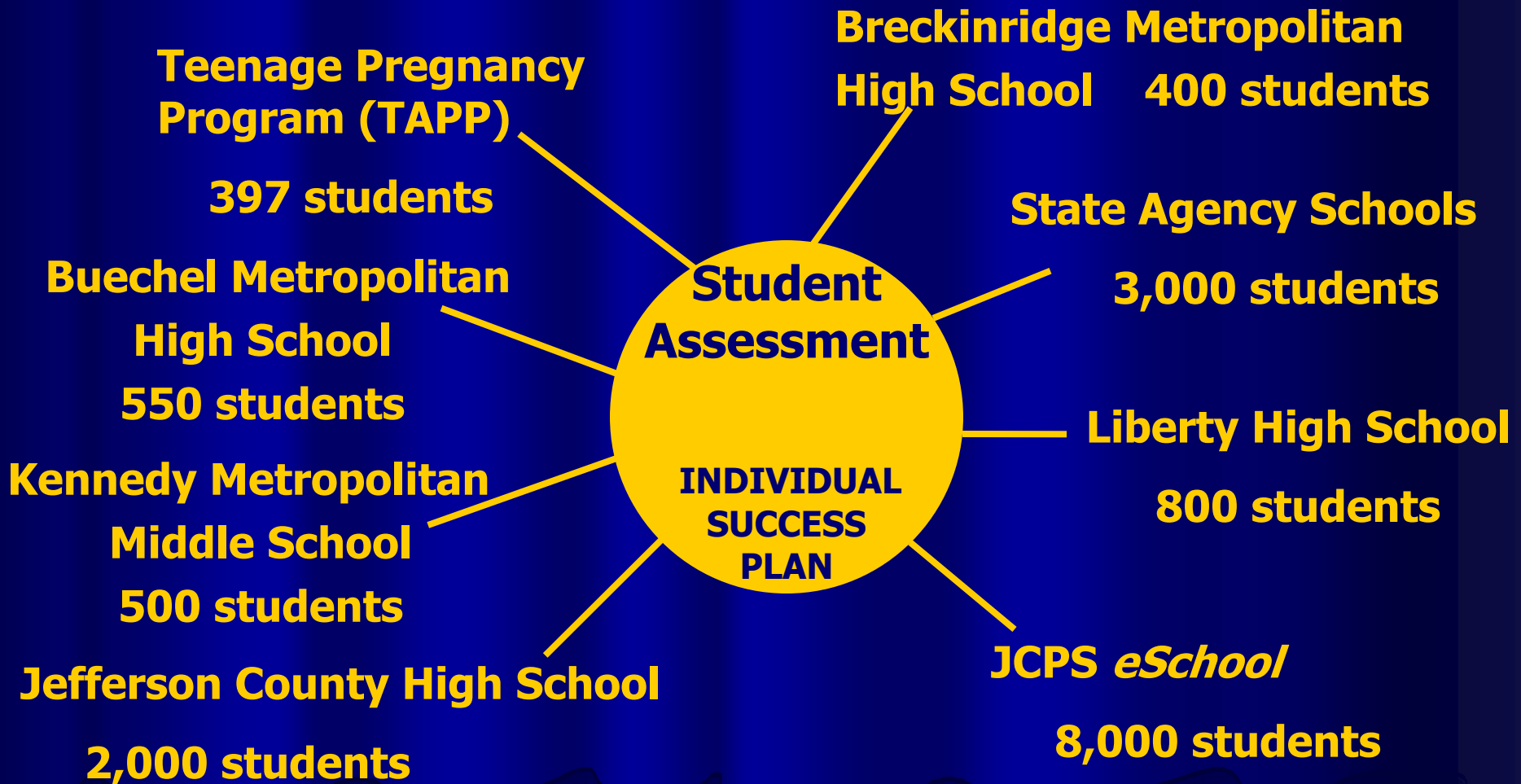


College Now

Students earning post-secondary credits while still in high school
(duplicated count of students enrolled in classes)



"A Place for Every Child"



NO EXPULSIONS

Partnerships for total child

- Neighborhood Place
- UPS
- After-School Programs
- LEEP

Louisville Education and Employment Partnership (LEEP)

- Longstanding commitment of Mayor Jerry Abramson, who helped launch it in the 1980s
- Modeled on Boston Compact
- Provides additional counselor in high schools – assigned 55 at-risk youth
- Goals: attendance, graduation, successful transition

LEEP (cont'd)

- Louisville Metro pays \$290,000, as does JCPS
- Perkins funds (\$119,000) and Metro United Way (\$100,000) pay rest of \$799,000 budget

LEEP (cont'd)

- Outcomes
 - 96% of eligible seniors graduated
 - 96% of eligible seniors successfully transitioned to college, work or the military
 - LEEP students averaged 89.7% attendance (goal is 90%)

Youth Opportunities Unlimited (Y.O.U.) Center

- Federal YO grant – 5 years -- \$28 million!
- Went away June 2005 – with zero, zip, nada in its place.
- Mayor Abramson challenged us to identify “lessons learned” and apply them on smaller scale
- Result: Y.O.U. Center

Y.O.U. Center (cont'd)

- Six elements were key in YO grant success: 1) youth friendly environment; 2) caring adults/mentors; 3) intense educational opportunities; 4) aggressive recruitment; 5) incentives; and 6) real jobs.

Y.O.U. Center (cont'd)

- 2006-07 Budget: \$1 million
- 60% federal (WIA and last of YO dollars)
- 25% local government, general fund dollars
- 7.5% foundations
- 7.5% corporations and individuals

Y.O.U. Center (cont'd)

- Four goals:
 - Measurable learning gains on the Test of Adult Basic Education
 - GEDs
 - Jobs
 - College enrollment

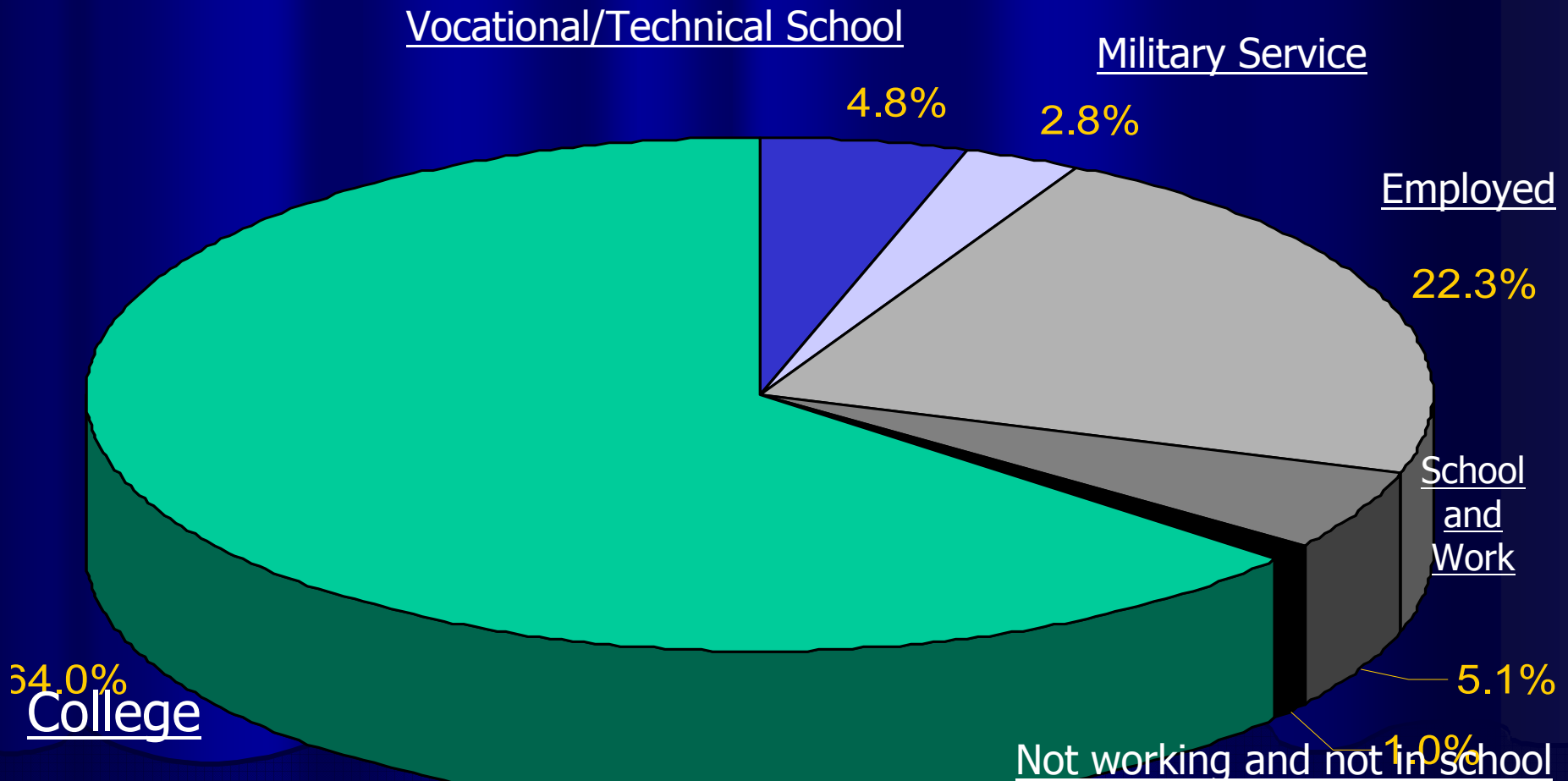
Y.O.U. Center (cont'd)

- Outcomes since July 2005
 - 333 have upgraded their level on the Test of Adult Basic Education (TABE)
 - 115 have earned their GED
 - 358 have gotten jobs at an average wage of \$7.50 per hour
 - 60 have entered college

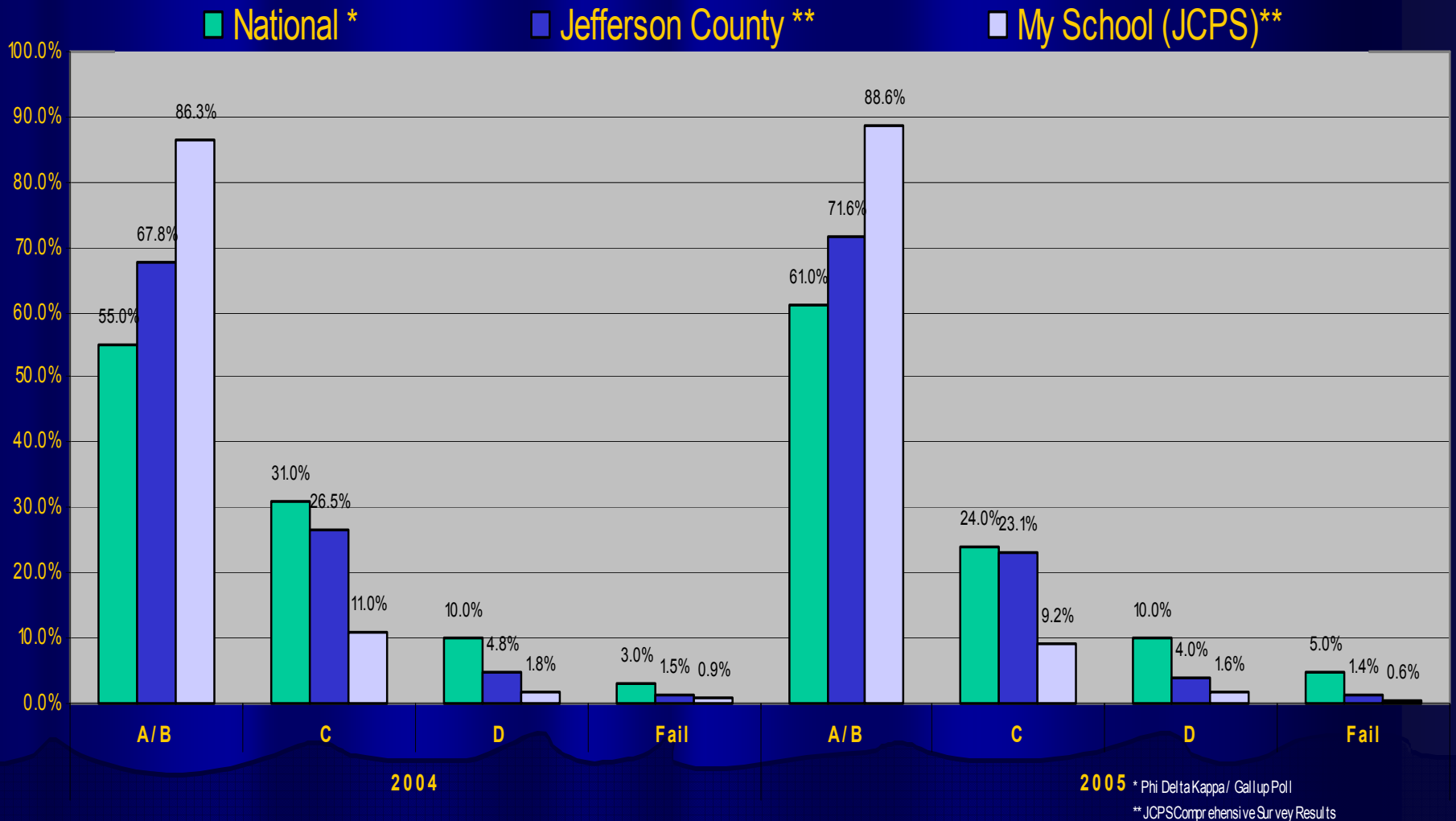
Lessons?

- Mayoral vision and leadership were key
- Local money augmenting federal money has been key to the program's success
- If you want it to happen, make it happen!

Status of 2004 Graduates



What grade would you give your local public schools?



Community Choice

Proportion of school-aged residents of Jefferson County who attend JCPS

