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Strategic Priorities

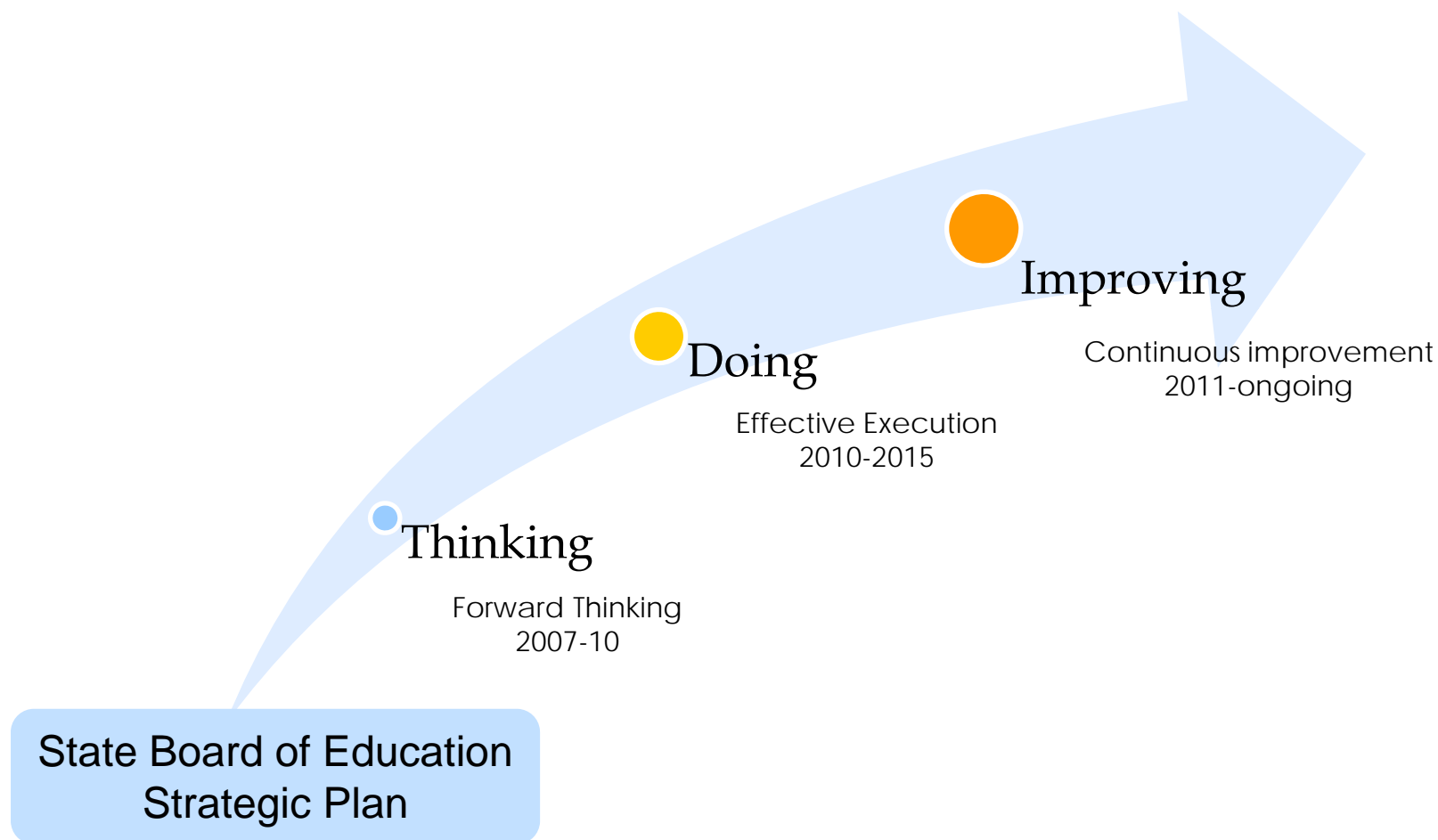


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The State Board of Education's Strategic Plan provided the launching point for CDE's Forward Thinking and is driving the state's current work.



Progress Toward the Goals

Goals

Accomplishments

**The state's
educational
authority**

- Clear reform agenda
- Policy foundation
- Conditions for flexibility and innovation
- Community outreach and engagement

**Accountability
system**

- Colorado's Achievement Plan for Kids
 - Colorado Academic Standards
 - Assessment attributes
- Education Accountability Act
- Student Graduation and Completion Plans
- Transparency and accessibility of information through SchoolView

**Effectiveness of
educational
funding**

- Stability of CDE services and support in spite of economic downturn
- Strategic outreach and use of foundation resources and partner organizations

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Accomplishments

Efficiency and effectiveness of the educator work force

- Educator Identifier Act
- Educator Effectiveness
- Educator Preparation Program Effectiveness

Choice opportunities

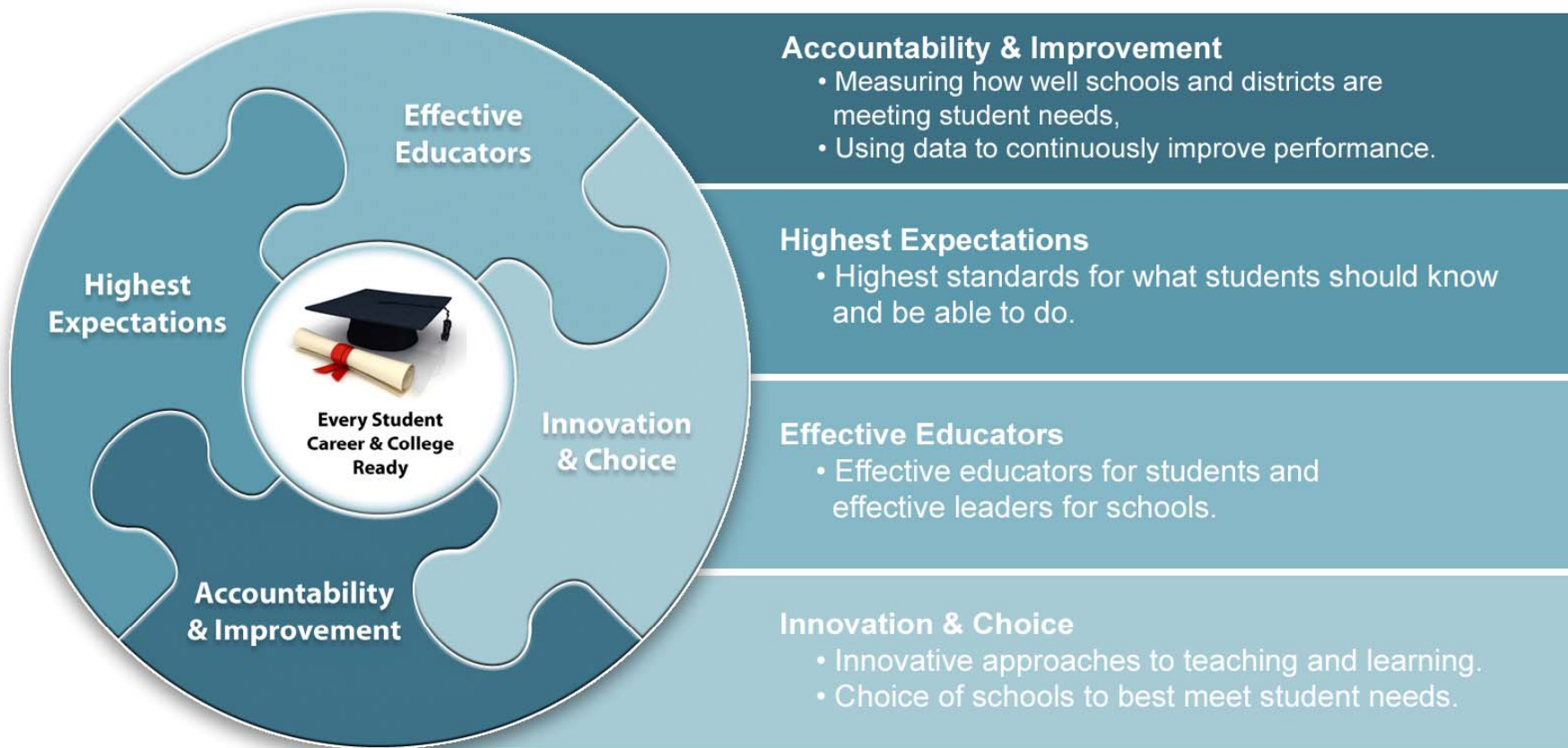
- Innovation Schools Act of 2008
- Concurrent Enrollment Act
- Significant growth in charters and online learning options for students
- Commission on Expanded Learning Opportunities established and recommendations provided

A future where each student...

- *...has a career and academic plan*
- *...aims for mastery, not merely proficiency*
- *...and his/her family know what they need to know and be able to do and how close they are to getting there*
- *...has a rich array of diverse and high quality choices to meet their learning needs*
- *...has solid foundational skills like literacy*
- *...has teachers that focus on facilitating learning*
- *...enjoys an environment where learning is fixed and time is the variable*
- *...has the world as their classroom and physical spaces are portals to discovering and accessing that world*
- *...can maximize his or her potential*

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CDE's Strategic Priorities



Key Activities in 2011-12 for Each Strategic Priority

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High Expectations

- Implement the **Colorado Academic Standards**
- Develop state's **new assessment system**
- Establish statewide **content collaboratives**
- Create **assessment resource bank** for all subjects
- Continue to **align expectations across P-20 system** (readiness assessments, endorsed diploma, etc.)
- Support district implementation of **individual career and academic plans**
- Continue to provide funds and assistance to help **meet the needs of ALL students**

Effective Educators

- Promulgate, adopt and implement **rules**
- Design and pilot the **state's model evaluation system**
- Identify **measures of student growth** for all content areas
- Pilot the **educator/student data link**
- Develop **metrics to report on educator preparation program effectiveness**
- Develop recommendations for **revamped system of educator licensure, preparation and induction**
- Launch the **School Leadership Academy**

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Accountability & Improvement

- Continue to **improve school and district performance frameworks**
- Support the **unified improvement planning** process
- Update **SchoolView Data Center**
- Provide **training on use of data in SchoolView**
- Provide **targeted support to struggling schools**
- Continue to implement **Response to Intervention and Positive Behavior Intervention System**
- Respond to unique needs of **rural schools/districts**
- Develop **regional service delivery model**

Innovation and Choice

- Create an **Innovation and Choice Division**
- Respond to the recommendations of the **Expanded Learning Opportunities Commission**
- Provide **guidance, support and services to charter and online schools**
- Address **policy recommendations and findings in June 2011 report on online schools**
- Continue to implement and **provide innovative library services**

