

The Foundation for Tacoma Students (FFTS) is thrilled to announce a two-year investment of \$2.5 million by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation to deepen the capacity and capability of the Graduate Tacoma community-wide movement. By elevating our collective action in the following areas, this investment can fundamentally strengthen our ability to improve outcomes for all students – from cradle to college and career.



Every Child. One Community. Cradle to Career.

INVESTMENT AREAS

### COMMUNITY PARTNER CAPACITY & CAPABILITY



**IF** we increase our partners' capacity and capability to collaborate, align, and integrate strategies at scale for student indicator improvements...

**THEN** we will yield more effective interventions and sustain shared community ownership for narrowing disparities to student achievement.

### DATA CAPACITY & CAPABILITY



**IF** we grow FFTS' internal data capacity and advance our community's data literacy, analysis and systems alignment for measuring student outcomes...

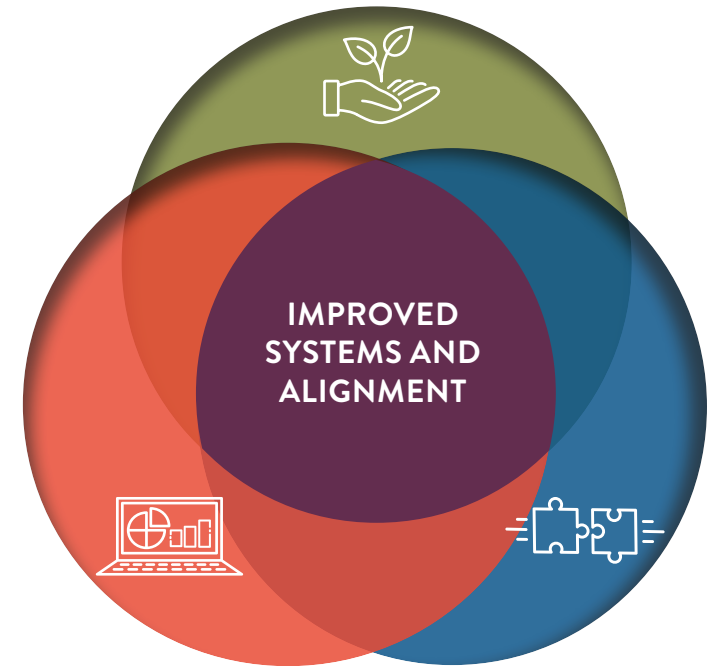
**THEN** we will remove barriers, enhance collaboration, avoid duplication and scale systems-wide initiatives.

### POSTSECONDARY\* ACCESS & COMPLETION



**IF** we strengthen alignment to close equity gaps and increase the overall rate of Tacoma Public School grads attending and completing a postsecondary degree or certificate...

**THEN** we will differentiate and realign strategies that focus on access and completion — creating a more successful transition into postsecondary pathways.



\*Postsecondary includes any plans beyond high school. This could include apprenticeships, military, trades, career, etc.



The Foundation for Tacoma Students will serve as a convener and facilitator throughout the two-year investment period to ensure efforts further our collective vision of a Tacoma where every child succeeds in school, career, and life. However, **the work begins with you.** To launch, the Foundation will invite community members to inform a process and framework for investment. Each investment area is rooted in building the capacity and capability of the Graduate Tacoma community-wide movement. This can result in a variety of funding opportunities for your organization.

## COMMUNITY PARTNER CAPACITY & CAPABILITY

**Goal:** Increase the capacity and capabilities of youth-serving organizations to yield more effective interventions and sustain community ownership for student success.

This could include:

- Subgrants to fund additional staff or new programs
- Professional development opportunities
- Subgrants to fund enhanced technology



## DATA CAPACITY & CAPABILITY

**Goal:** Increase the data capacity, capabilities, and alignment of organizations and institutions in Tacoma to measurably improve student outcomes.

This could include:

- Subgrants to enhance data infrastructure and tools
- Data training and literacy curriculum opportunities
- Professional development opportunities



## POSTSECONDARY\* ACCESS & COMPLETION

**Goal:** Increase the number of Tacoma Public School grads who earn a postsecondary degree or certificate by aligning efforts across the city that influence enrollment, persistence, and completion rates.

This could include:

- Subgrants to expand current and/or launch new interventions
- Research to differentiate and understand current strategies
- Subgrants to fund additional staff



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