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APEX II  
Summer Institute

**"Systemic Reform and Redesign to Improve High School Outcomes: APEX II and Beyond"**

August 18 & 19, 2009

The Grand Summit Hotel at Attitash

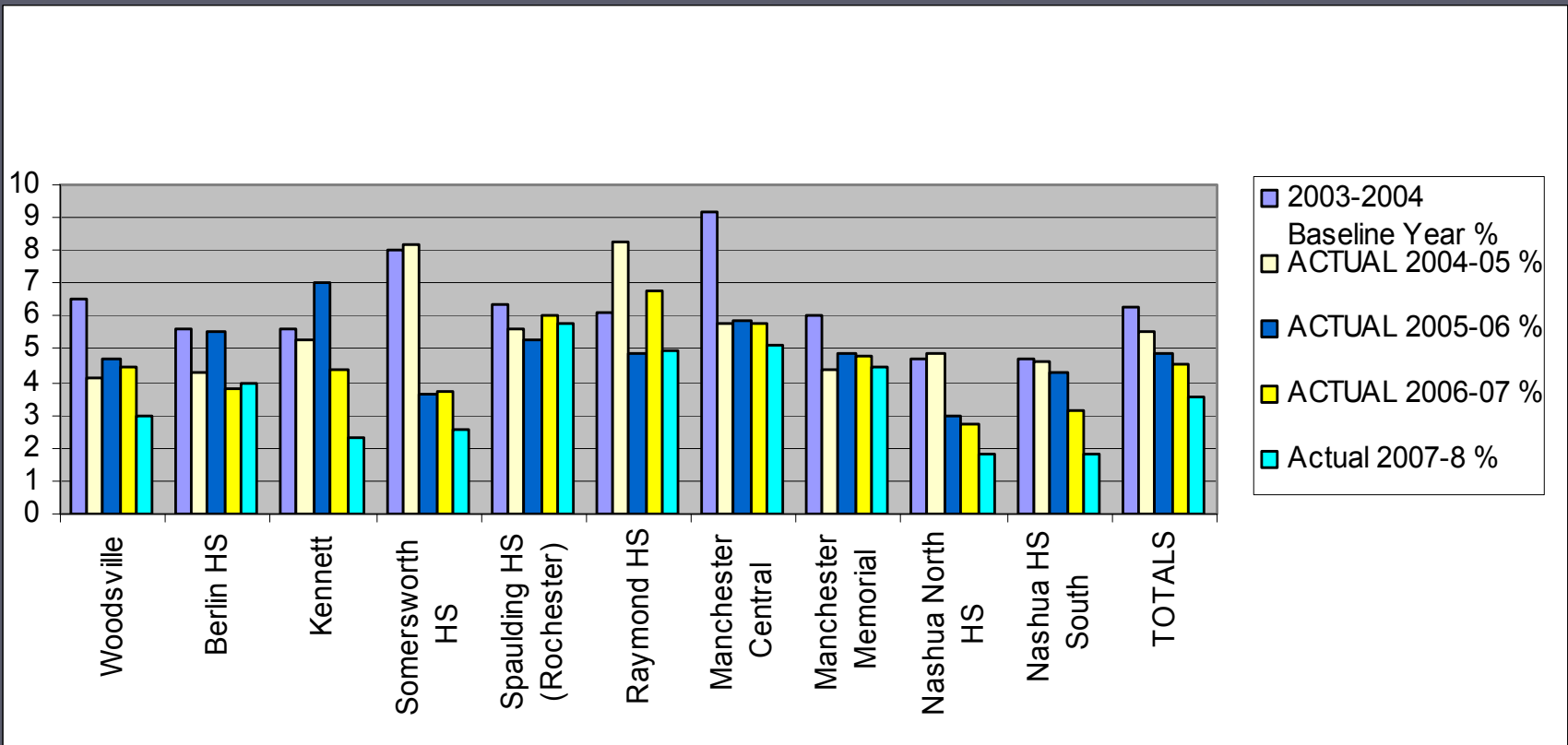
Bartlett, NH

# APEX GOALS\*

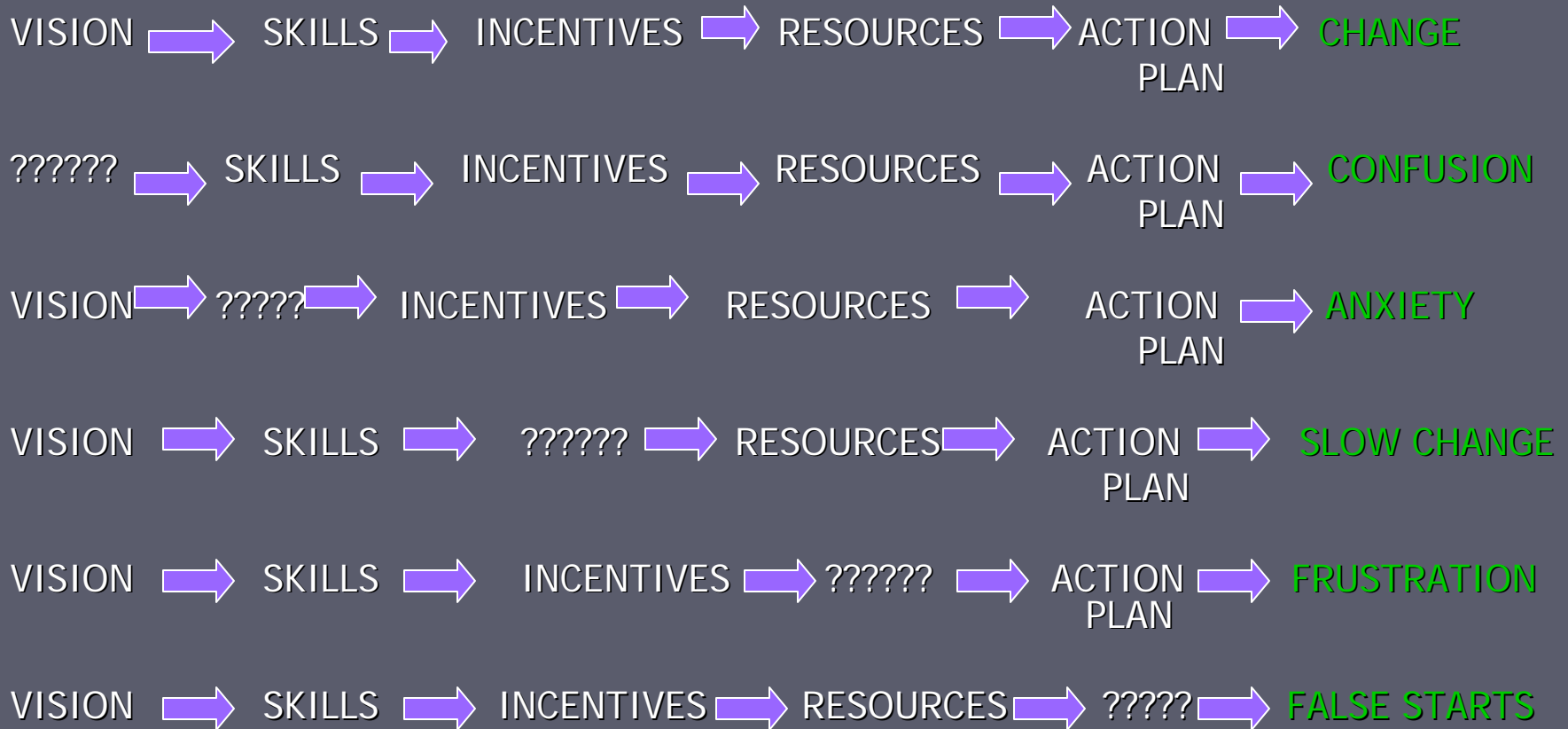
1. Work toward implementing Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS),
2. Provide leadership in the school-wide systems change process and support the dedication of staff time to participate in project activities,
3. Collaborate with project staff to develop a systematic transition from the 8<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> grade for at-risk students,
4. Collaborate with project staff to develop individualized school-to-career services for the most at-risk students using the RENEW model, and,
5. Develop and implement a high school student leadership initiative to focus on school climate issues.

\*From 2005 MOU between districts and NH DOE

# APEX II Schools Annual Dropout Rates



# Mapping Complex Change



(IOD, Adapted from Coster)

# 2009-Institute Goals

- ▶ Offer examples of “big ideas” in action and REAL school culture and climate change
- ▶ Create opportunities for new connections to people who are doing this work in other high schools.
- ▶ Illustrate the power of data-based decisionmaking.
- ▶ Offer information that connects high school reform ideas to PBIS effort in your schools.
- ▶ Offer opportunities for students and adults to build their leadership skills.
- ▶ Offer opportunities to have fun!

“Our society does not need to make its children first in the world in mathematics and science. It needs to care for its children-to reduce violence, to respect honest work of every kind, to reward excellence at every level, to ensure a place for every child and emerging adult in the economic and social world, to produce people who can care competently for their own families and contribute effectively to their communities”

(Noddings, *Educating Moral People*, 2002)