



# 9th Grade Transition

School Committee  
November 13, 2023



# Overview / Preamble

This evening, we will strive to meet the following objectives:

- Share various strands of the 8th to 9th grade transition process.
- Identify issues and concerns with the process as it has been run.
- Discuss Re-imagining Ninth Grade as a long-term effort to address inequitable access to higher-level courses throughout the student's high school career.
- Begin discussion of short-term solutions to address flawed course recommendation process.



# **THE TRANSITION**

**Balance, the 9th Grade Experience**

**Sense of Belonging, Trusted Adults**

**Focused Supports**



# Key Transition Events

Curriculum Night

Overview of Special Education Services and Programs

World Language Roadshow

Arts at BHS

Life at Brookline High School

Introduction to Athletics and Open House

# Guidance



Student Support Team Transition Meetings

BHS Deans, Counselors, and Social Workers meet w/K-8 School Student Support Teams

Learn about Cohorts, Needed Supports



# Special Education

**Annual Fall training** and support for all 8th grade ETFs

**Individual consultation** for each school to review every student and consult to 8th grade teams to help in determining 9th grade special education supports and services.

**Ongoing consultation** and support for 8th grade teams throughout the year as needed (staff, students, and caregivers).

**Late Spring:** student field trips for students on IEPs to visit BHS for a preview/tour



# REIMAGINING 9th GRADE

**Current Status**

**What's Next?**

**What do we need?**

# Current Status

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Student Support

World History (WHISP)

Responding to Literature/Humanities (English)

Physics (Science)

Geometry (Math)

World Language

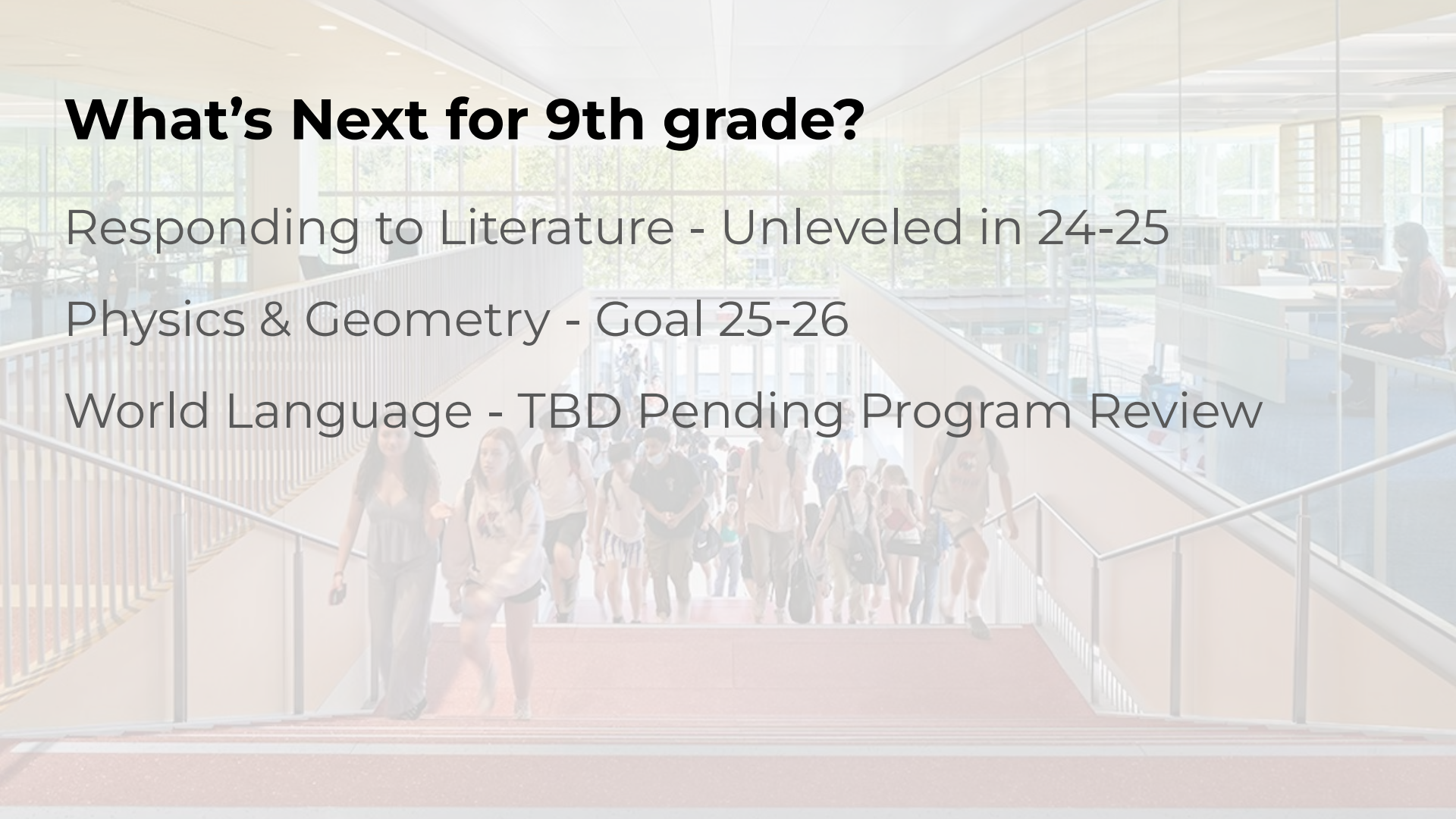


# **What's Next for 9th grade?**

Responding to Literature - Unleveled in 24-25

Physics & Geometry - Goal 25-26

World Language - TBD Pending Program Review



# What do we need?

Support for course releases, 24-25 and beyond

Support for research and development

- Summer planning
- Example: Heterogeneous 9th grade Physics, likely first in the country



# 9th GRADE COURSE SELECTION

**Historic Concerns**

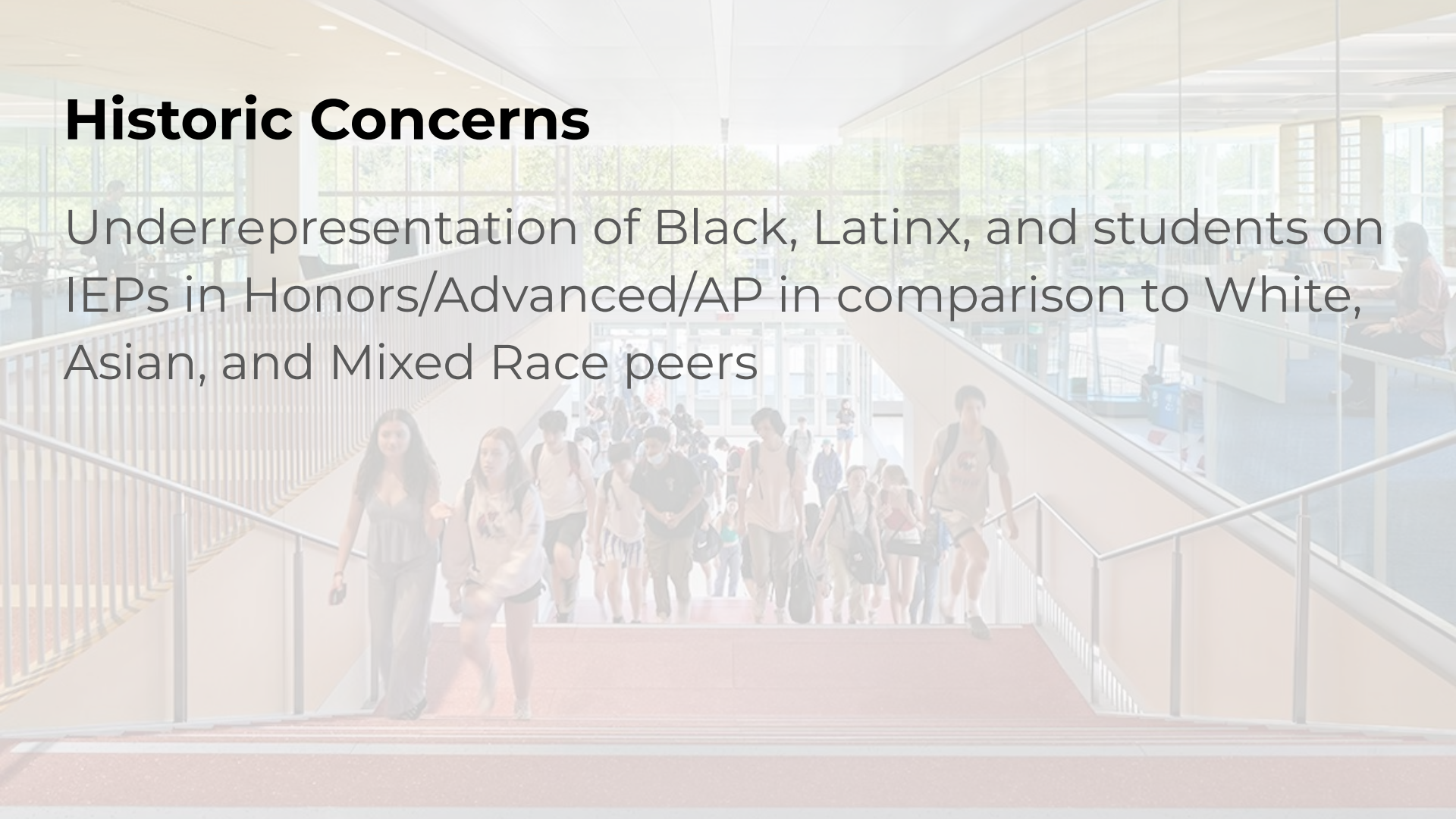
**Key Challenges**

**Focus on Math**



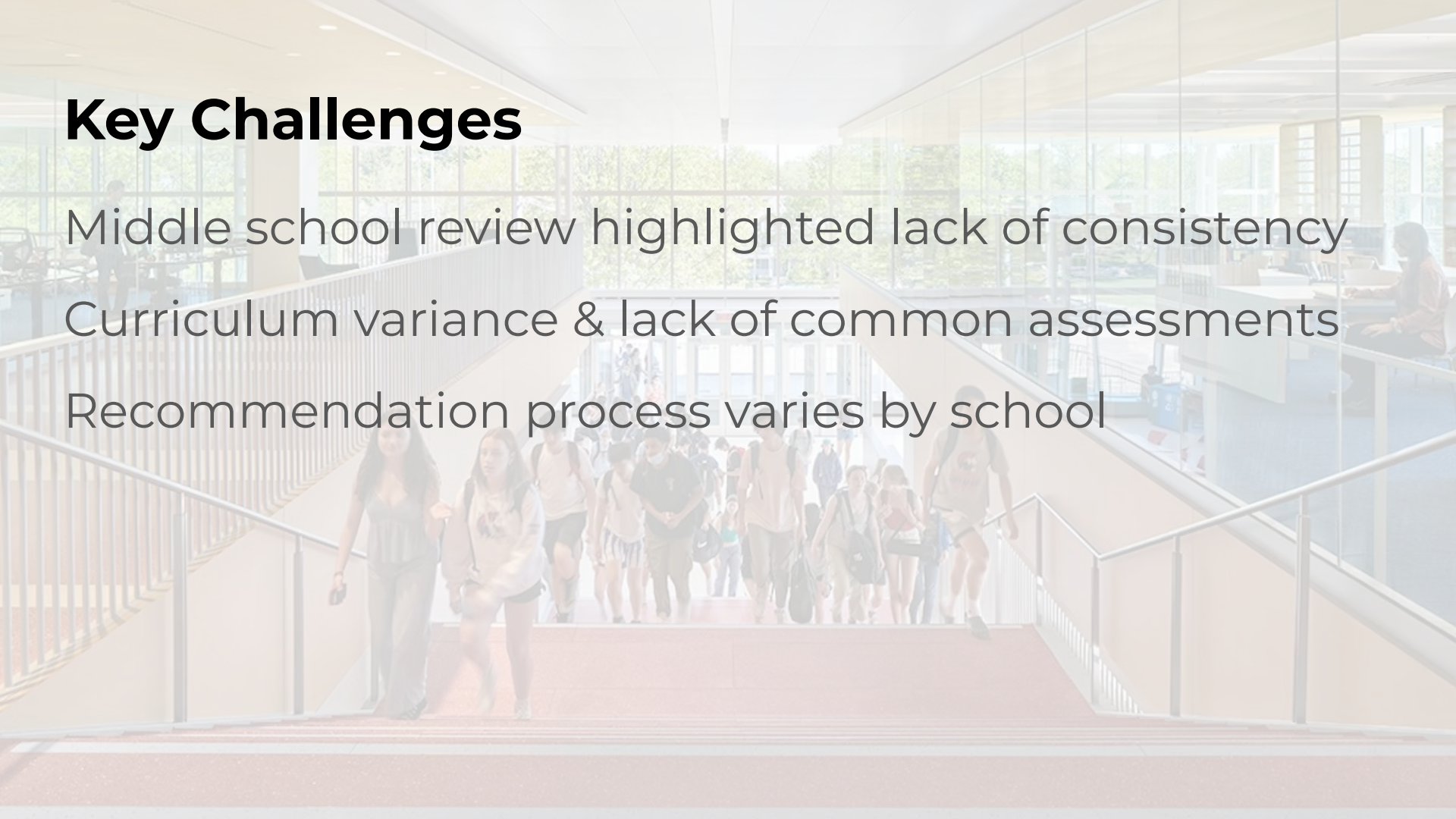
# Historic Concerns

Underrepresentation of Black, Latinx, and students on IEPs in Honors/Advanced/AP in comparison to White, Asian, and Mixed Race peers



# Key Challenges

Middle school review highlighted lack of consistency  
Curriculum variance & lack of common assessments  
Recommendation process varies by school

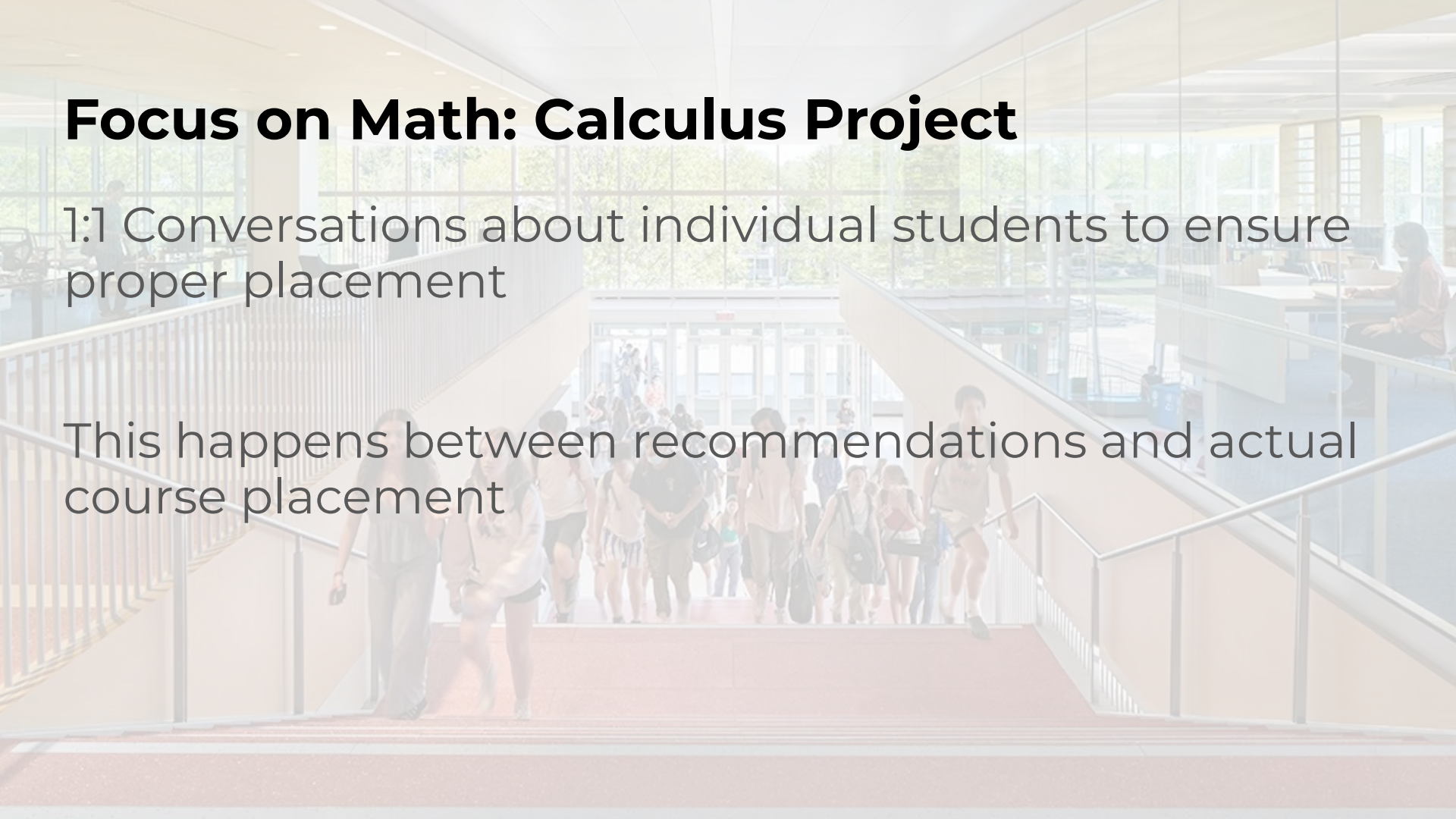




# Focus on Math: Calculus Project

1:1 Conversations about individual students to ensure proper placement

This happens between recommendations and actual course placement





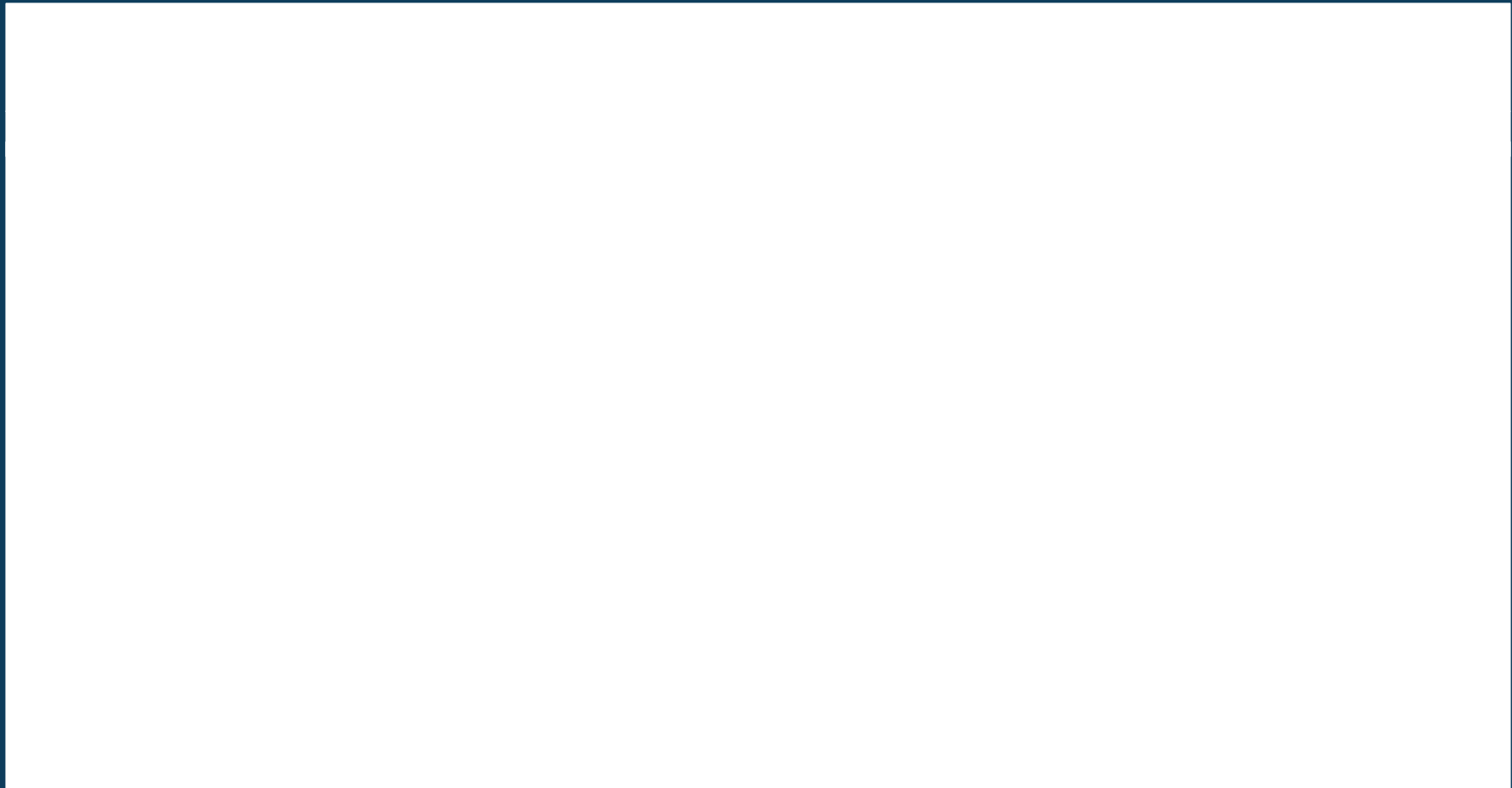


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# Outcomes / Goals

- Overview the broad transition process
- Provide updates on Reimagining 9th Grade
- Highlight 9th grade Course Selection







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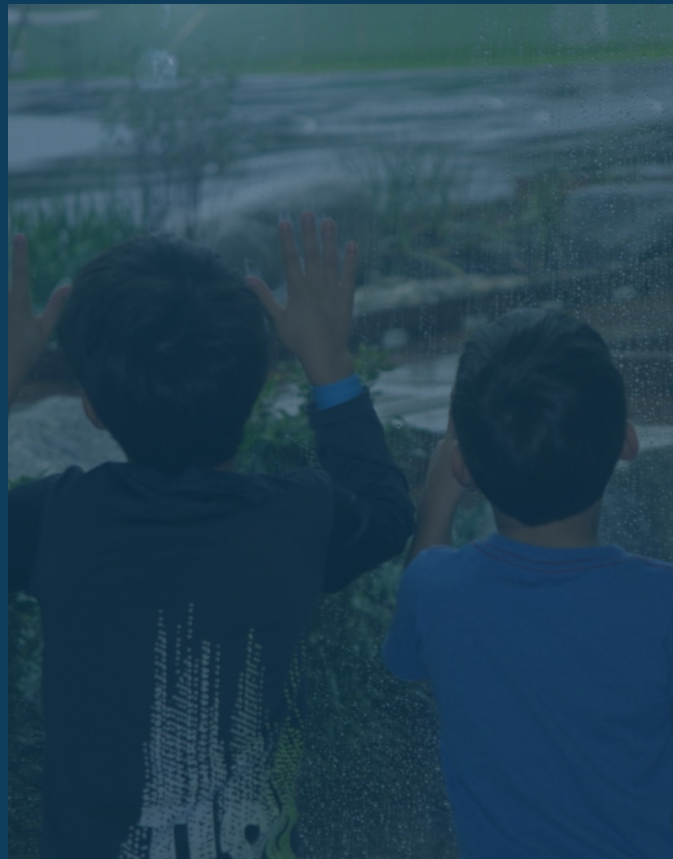
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# Key Updates And Highlights

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# Agenda

