

# Patriot Program Informational Report

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# Background

- Historical context
  - Started as proposal by one teacher at Prospect Mill ES approximately 30 years ago
  - Program spread to and modified by staff transferring from Prospect Mill ES to Fountain Green ES (1993)
  - Individual schools adopted their own version of a Patriot Program
    - Programs run by combination of PTAs, independent parent volunteers, and HCPS staff
    - Components/requirements evolved based on who ran the program, who the building principal was, and feedback from participating families over time

# Historically the Patriot Program...

- Requirements varied from school to school
- Supports were inconsistent for students with learning differences
- Involved staff, parents, and community in the verification of program completion
- Completion timeline varied
- Used instructional time
- Was voluntary
- Included participant only celebrations and recognitions

# Historically the Patriot Program...

- Was offered inconsistently throughout the county
- Required varied at home support
- Resulted in exclusion of students
- Required financial resources for operation

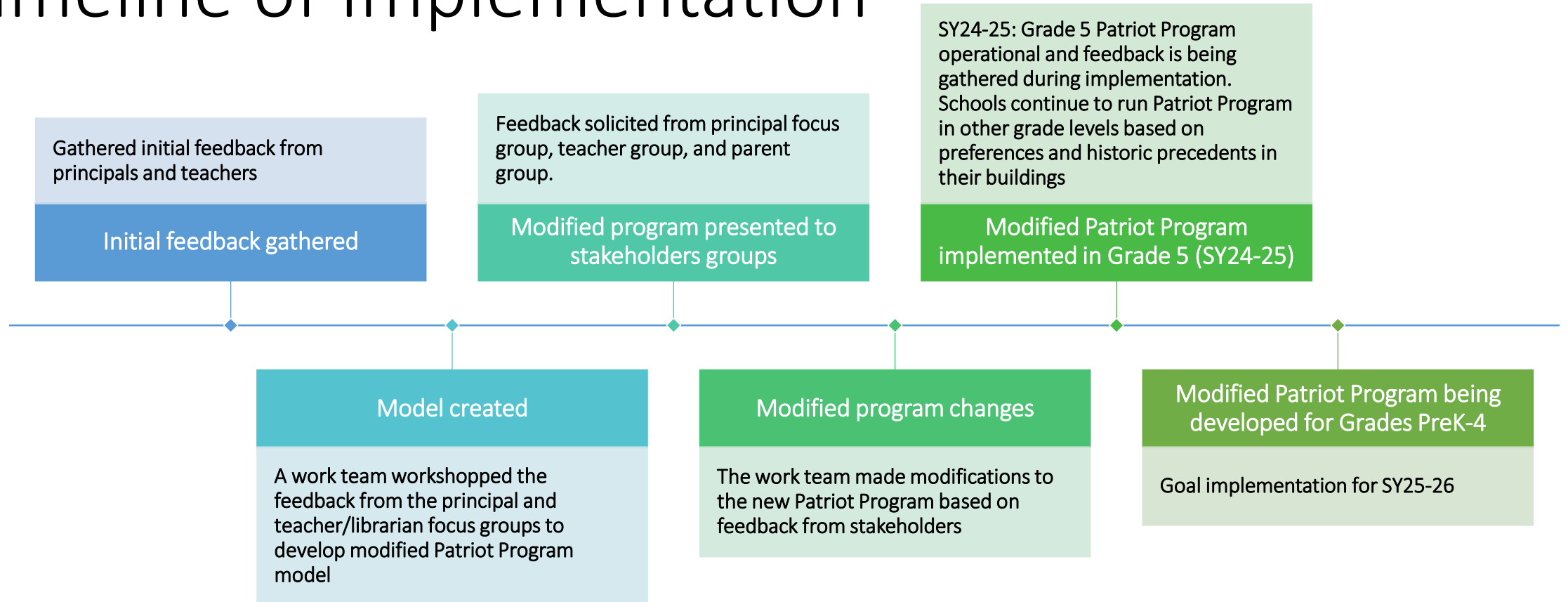
# Goal of HCPS Patriot Program

- The HCPS Patriot Program seeks to foster **civic-minded students** with knowledge of the **rich history** of the United States, an appreciation for the **democratic values** that are the foundation of our society, and an understanding of the ways they can **responsibly participate** in and **contribute** to their communities.

# Our Commitment .....

- To BOE Goals
- To BOE Priorities
- To instructional time
- To linking to instructional objectives
- Parent and Community Connections
- To all of our students

# Timeline of Implementation



# Strands of HCPS Patriot Program





# HCPS Patriot Program will...

- Provide students an opportunity to learn about patriotism and civics
- Be aligned to learning standards and a part of a BOE approved curriculum
- Address the learning needs of all students
- Maximize instructional time
- Provide schools with an opportunity to hold student-focused assemblies that celebrate all students for their participation in the curriculum as it relates to civic responsibility and patriotism.
- Provide an opportunity for students to earn awards, ribbons, or pins
- Provide an opportunity for schools to have fieldtrips so all students can learn about civic responsibility and patriotism.
- Minimize workload for teachers and volunteers
- Allow all students to become Patriots each year

# Communication

- PTA Meetings
- Back to School Nights
- Teachers
- School Communications
- Parent Advisory Committee through Office of Family and Community Engagement

# Where we are today

- 100% of our schools will have a Patriot Program
- Approximately ½ have committed to a celebration
- Approximately ½ have committed to a fieldtrip

# Questions