

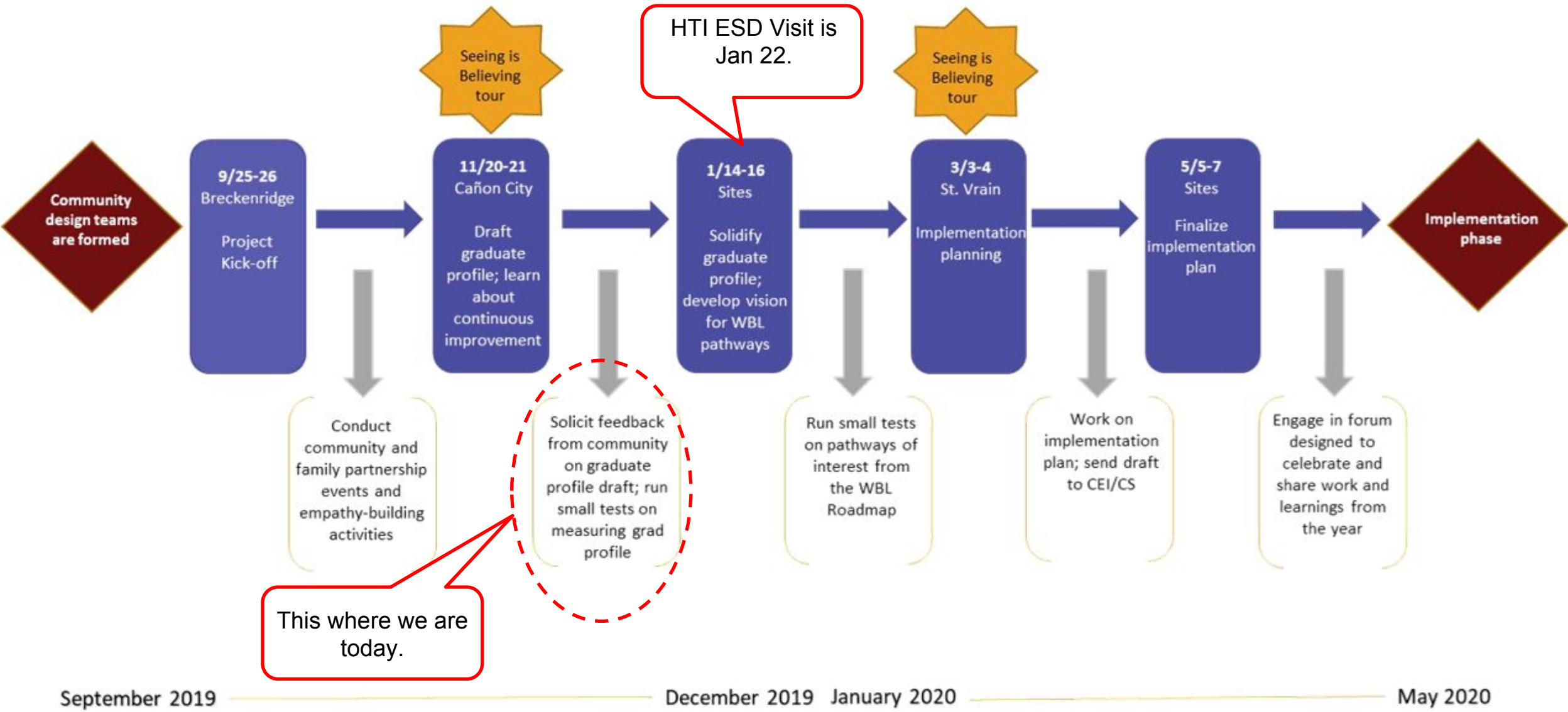


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TALENT INITIATIVE

# Homegrown Talent Initiative

## Elizabeth School District

# Year One Focus: Exploration & Design



## What are we trying to accomplish here with the Homegrown Talent Initiative?

- **Local community leadership** and design teams comprised of **K-12, business, and higher education leaders**
- Support to build a high-quality **profile of a high school graduate** that aligns with local community values
- Participation in a well-supported **process to design programs** intended to dramatically improve access to pathways that lead to economic opportunity when students leave high school
- **Colorado-grown inspiration** in the form of well-documented innovations already underway in other communities
- Specific **technical assistance for local businesses** to sustainably work with education systems
- The **opportunity for funding** to launch designs in communities in the second phase of the project, with the ultimate intent to create high-quality proof points of and champions for this work

**We need your help to accomplish this!!**



## What actions do we have near term?

- **First draft of graduate profile – We have a draft started see page 13 and we need you to review and provide feedback. Due date is Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>.**
  - Plan is to provide the draft graduate profile to Mrs. Tauger’s art students to come up with 4-5 options that capture the Elizabeth spirit. ECD Jan 13<sup>th</sup>.
  - We will then send out the options for everyone in the community to vote on – staff, students (all schools), businesses, parents. ECD Jan 20<sup>th</sup>.
- **Schedule a trip to visit Canon City High School – Please let Bret or Pam know if you would like to join us. Tentative trip date is week of Jan 6<sup>th</sup>.**
- **Need to start building a relationship with higher education. UCCS, ACC, Pickens, CU Denver, Denver Community College. How can we partner?**
- **Define 2-3 WBL opportunities locally.**
- **Form groups to establish shared vision and ownership.**
- **Additional information**
  - We have budget for this initial effort so please let us know your ideas and thoughts.
  - We will be meeting weekly from now until Jan 22. Even if you can’t make every meeting we need your input.

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