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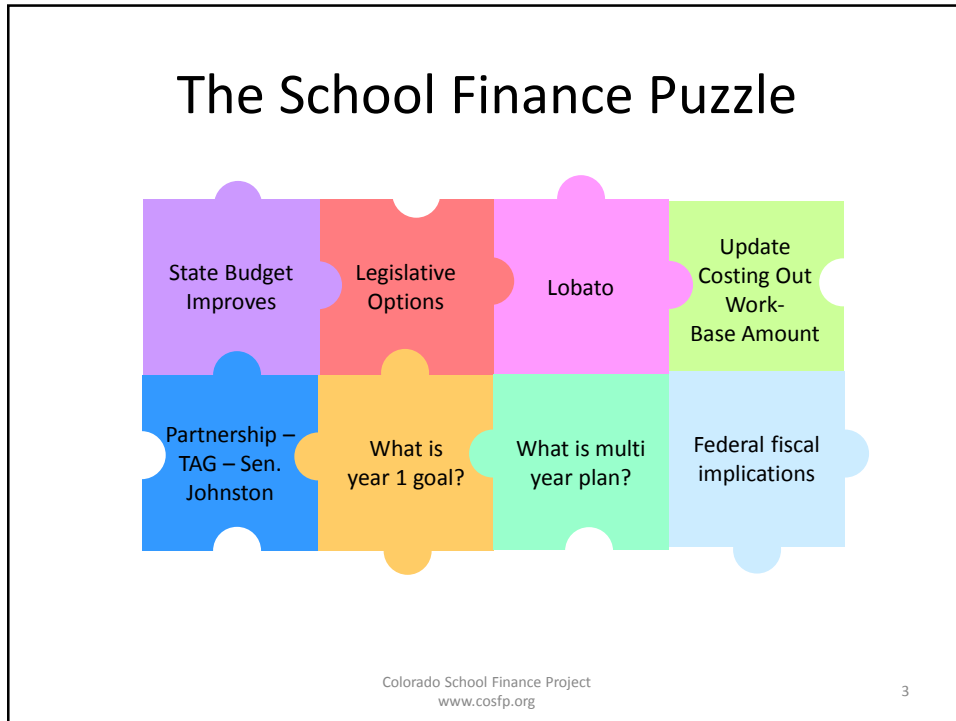
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The School Finance Puzzle

Can All the Ideas
Policies and Funding Fit together?

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- ## Measuring / Defining School Finance Success
- Where are we now?
 - What information do we need?
 - Changing School Finance?
 - Change the formula?
 - Increase funding?
 - Does it support the accountability system and education objectives?
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Where to Begin?

- How much does it cost?
- What is the beginning amount or “base”?
- What is *outside* the “base” amount?
 - Student characteristics
 - District characteristics
 - Categoricals
 - Transportation and Facilities

School Finance Principles

- Is it:
 - Adequate (enough)?
 - Equitable (fair)?
- Research-based?
- Is it Constitutional?
- Does it address problems identified in Lobato?
- Have we defined a plan to implement?

Critical to Engage: Discussions taking place now & during the session



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Engage Now

- Your Voice is Important.
- Your District issues are important.
- Your students are important.
- All 800,000 students are important.
- The stakes are too high and
the time is now.

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Other States

- Have other states been successful in making changes?
- Approaches
- How long?
- On-going?
- Measurable?



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Questions & Concerns

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