



**THE FUND FOR TRANSFORMING  
EDUCATION IN KENTUCKY**

Kentucky Board of Education  
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# About The Fund

## ► Mission

- The Fund for Transforming Education in Kentucky (The Fund) recruits, coordinates and supports expertise and resources to inspire and scale innovation and excellence in Kentucky's public schools, resulting in a better future for all of our children.

## ► Vision

- Kentucky's public education system will be transformed in such a way that we will have effective leaders in every school, effective educators in every classroom, and thoroughly engaged parents, resulting in our high school graduates consistently ranking among the best in the nation in terms of college and career readiness.

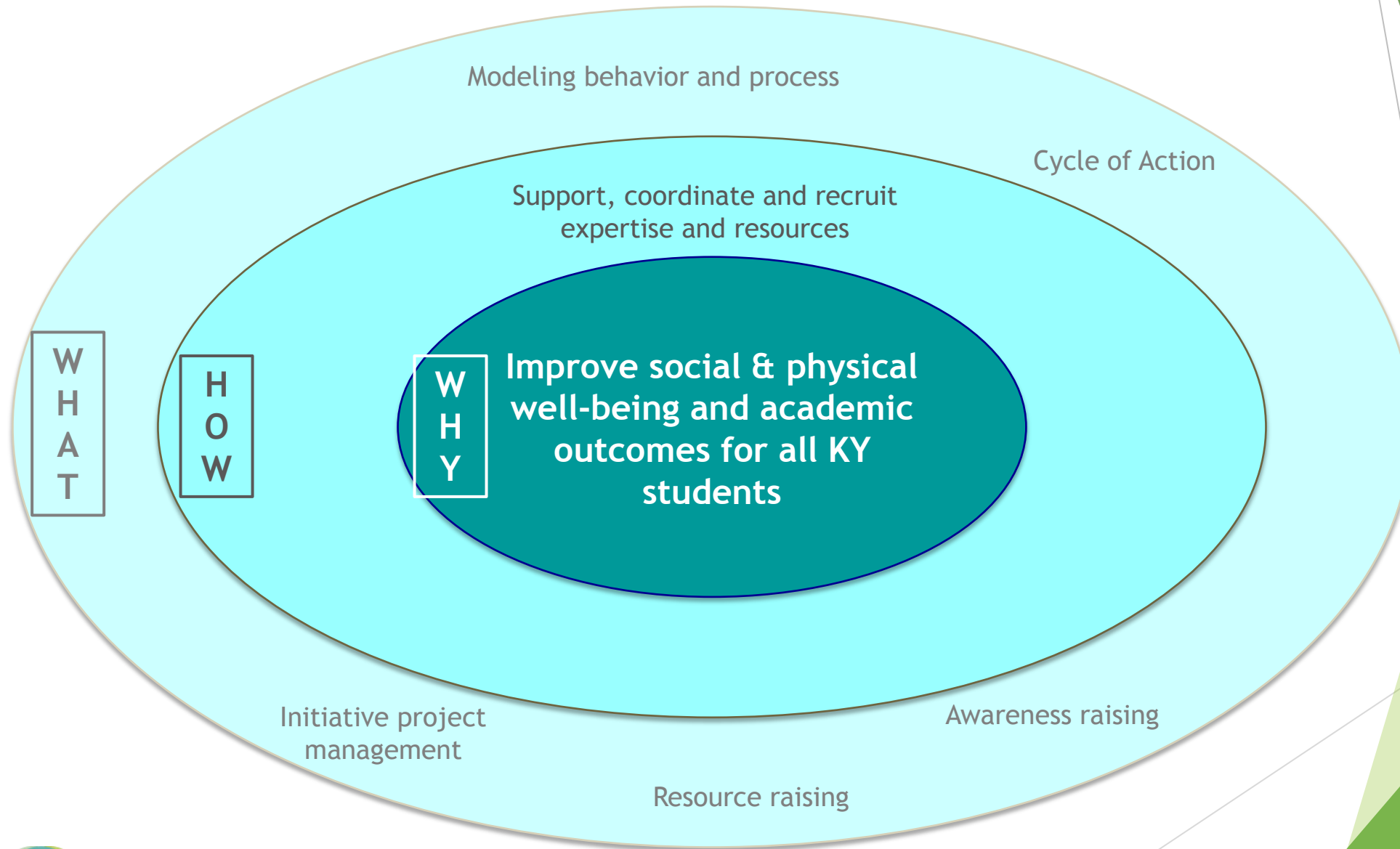


# 2013 Accomplishments

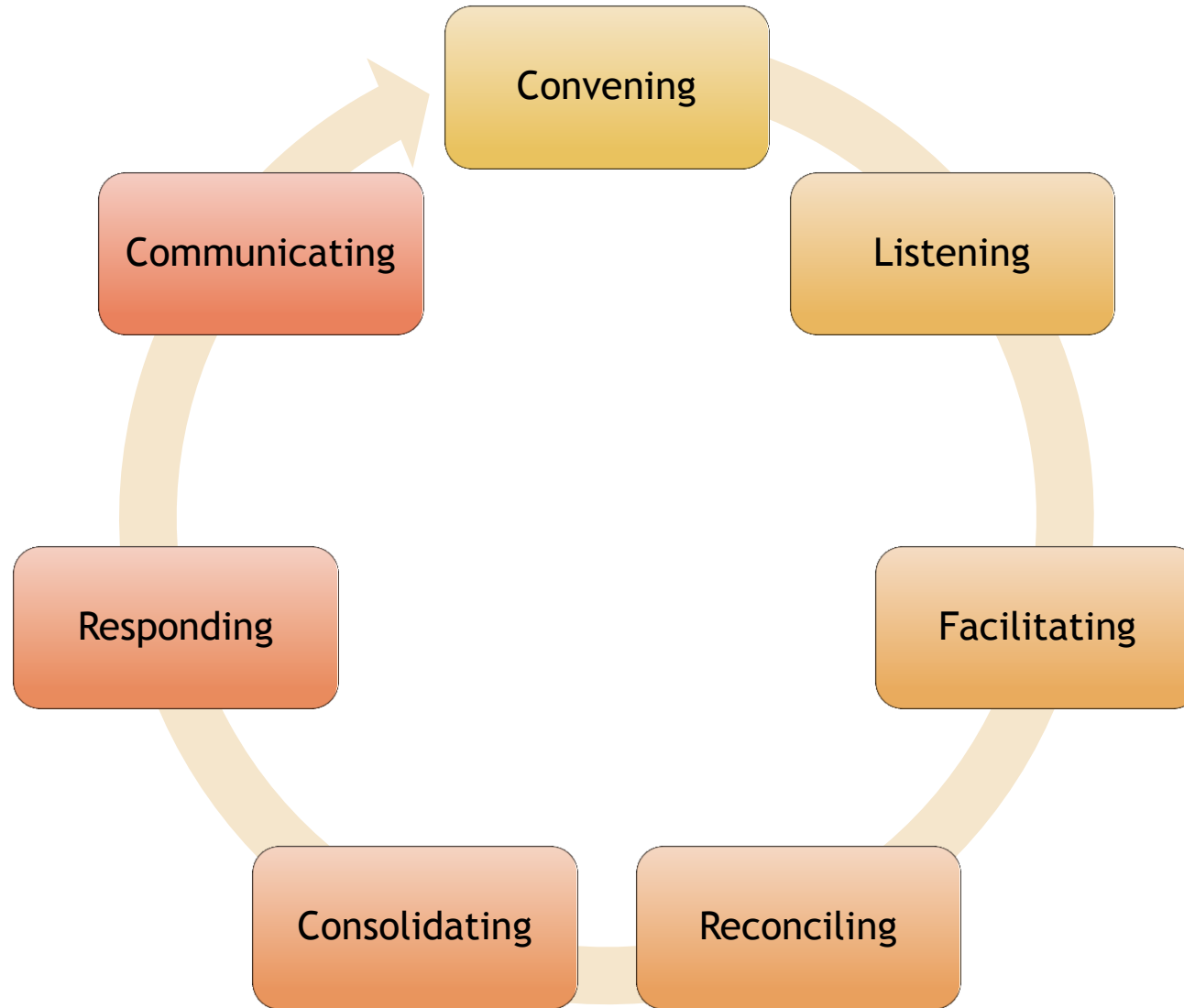
- ▶ Secured over \$3 million in multi-year grants
- ▶ Built a solid relationship with our key funder, and began to discuss possible additional investments
- ▶ Recruited a board of directors with broad and deep expertise in and support for Kentucky's public education system
- ▶ Hired staff with outstanding sets of skills and backgrounds
- ▶ Completed The Fund's first strategic plan
- ▶ Created and maintained successful relationships with all local and national partners involved in The Fund's initiatives and positioned The Fund as the entity to ensure accountability



# The Fund's Golden Circle



# The Fund's Cycle of Action



# 2014 Goals

## ► Current Initiatives

- Teacher Engagement
- Common Assignment

## ► New Initiatives

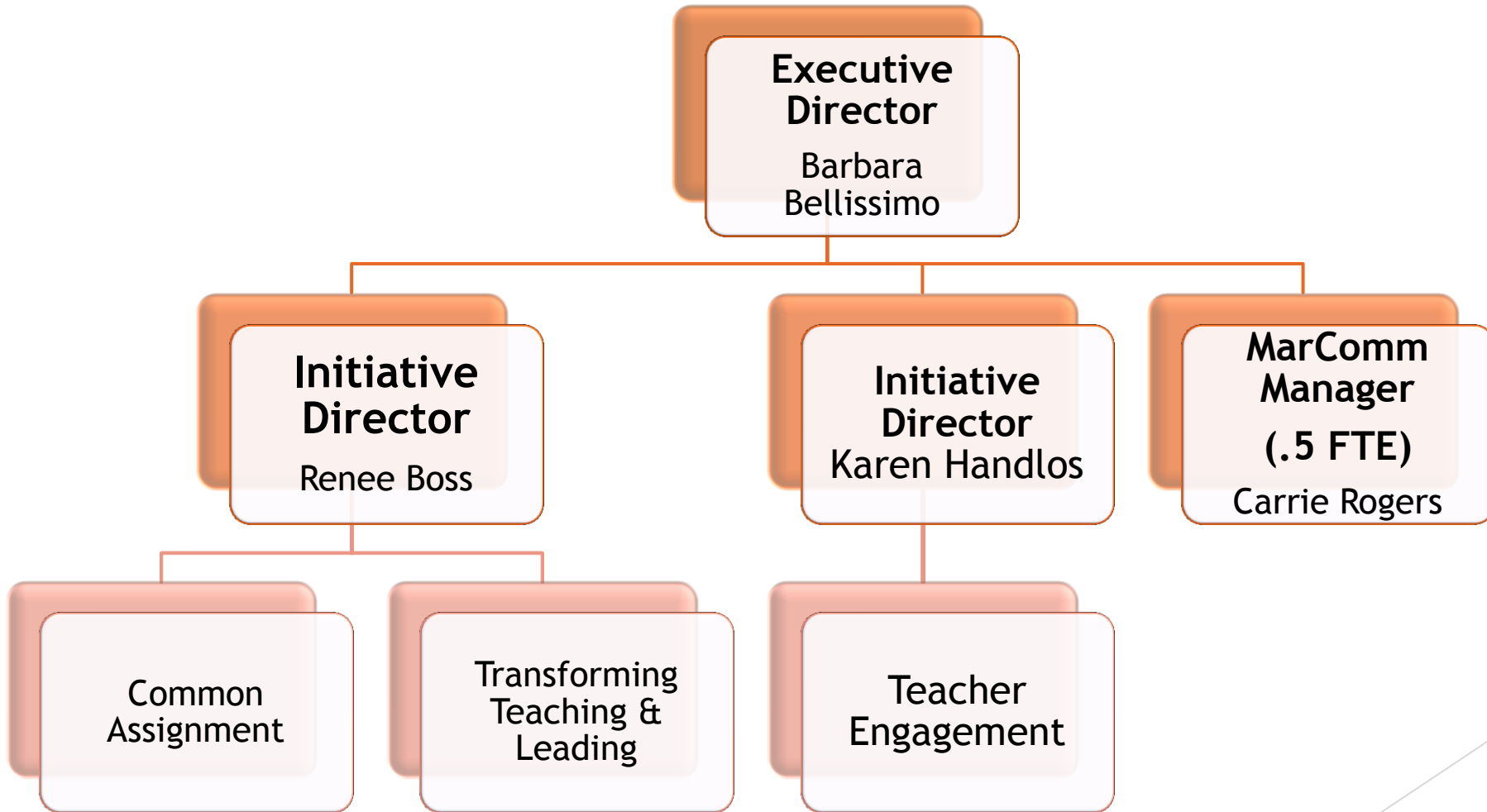
- Innovation Initiative
- Transforming Teaching & Leading
- Communications/Awareness Raising
- Student Engagement
- Competency-based Learning

## ► Campaign for Innovation in Education

- Raise \$3M by the end of 2016 for Innovation Fund, Breakthrough Schools and Capacity Building



# Organization



# Board of Directors

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Lieutenant Governor of Kentucky and former Mayor of Louisville

**David Adkisson**

President and CEO, Kentucky Chamber of Commerce

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Kentucky State Senator

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Commissioner, Kentucky Department of Education

**Robert King (*ex officio*)**

President, Council on Postsecondary Education





# Supporters

## The Fund's supporters include:

- ▶ Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
- ▶ David & Betty Jones
- ▶ Jim Booth
- ▶ Billy Harper
- ▶ Stu Silberman
- ▶ David Adkisson
- ▶ Michael and Barbara Bellissimo
- ▶ Carol King
- ▶ Robert King
- ▶ Desiree Watkins
- ▶ Gene Wilhoit
- ▶ Kentucky Chamber of Commerce

