



Educational Options for Success

Alternative Programming Options

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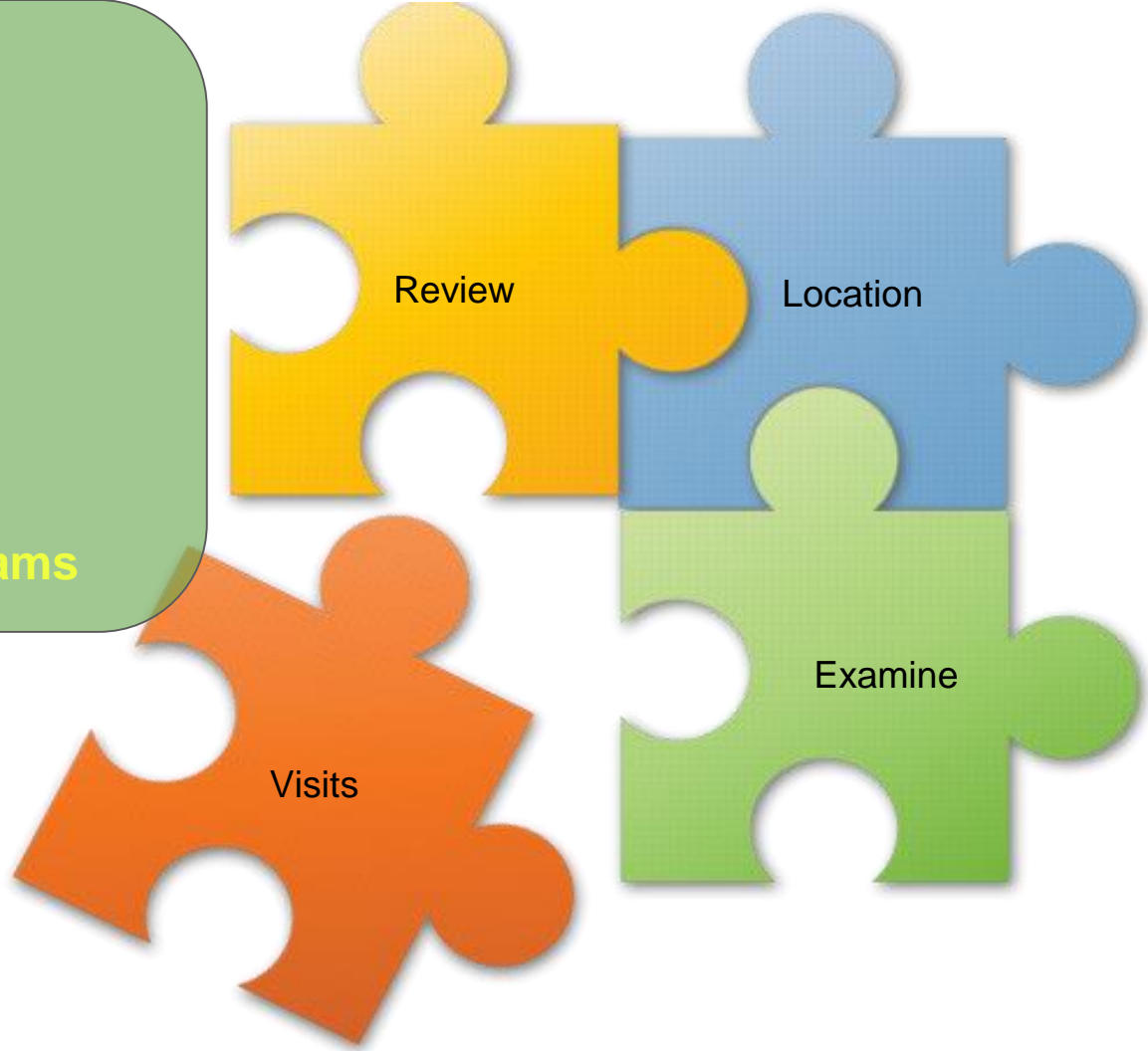
Summary of Project

The team was charged with investigating alternative programming at Sycamore, in what ways programming might be enhanced in order to provide students with more educational options and support services.



Methodology

- Review Project with Mark Weigel, Doug Mader, Chad Lewis
- Location Considerations
- Site Visits Within Region
- Examine Alternative Programs



Discoveries

- **Historically Sycamore has a 96% or better graduation rate**
- **Aves Academy serves a diverse Population**
 - **College Prep, Athletes, Musicians, Professional Pursuit, Credit Recovery**
 - **Aves Academy is successful - space is a need**
 - **The Need for these Programs in the Community continues to grow**
 - **No Schools in Hamilton County Currently have such Program**
 - **Sycamore Currently Utilizes Warren County Program (8-9 spots) already where students are thriving**
- **Award-winning Westerville was/is willing to help Sycamore in our Research and Development of Alternative Programming**
- **Educational Solution aligns with District Mental Health Initiative**

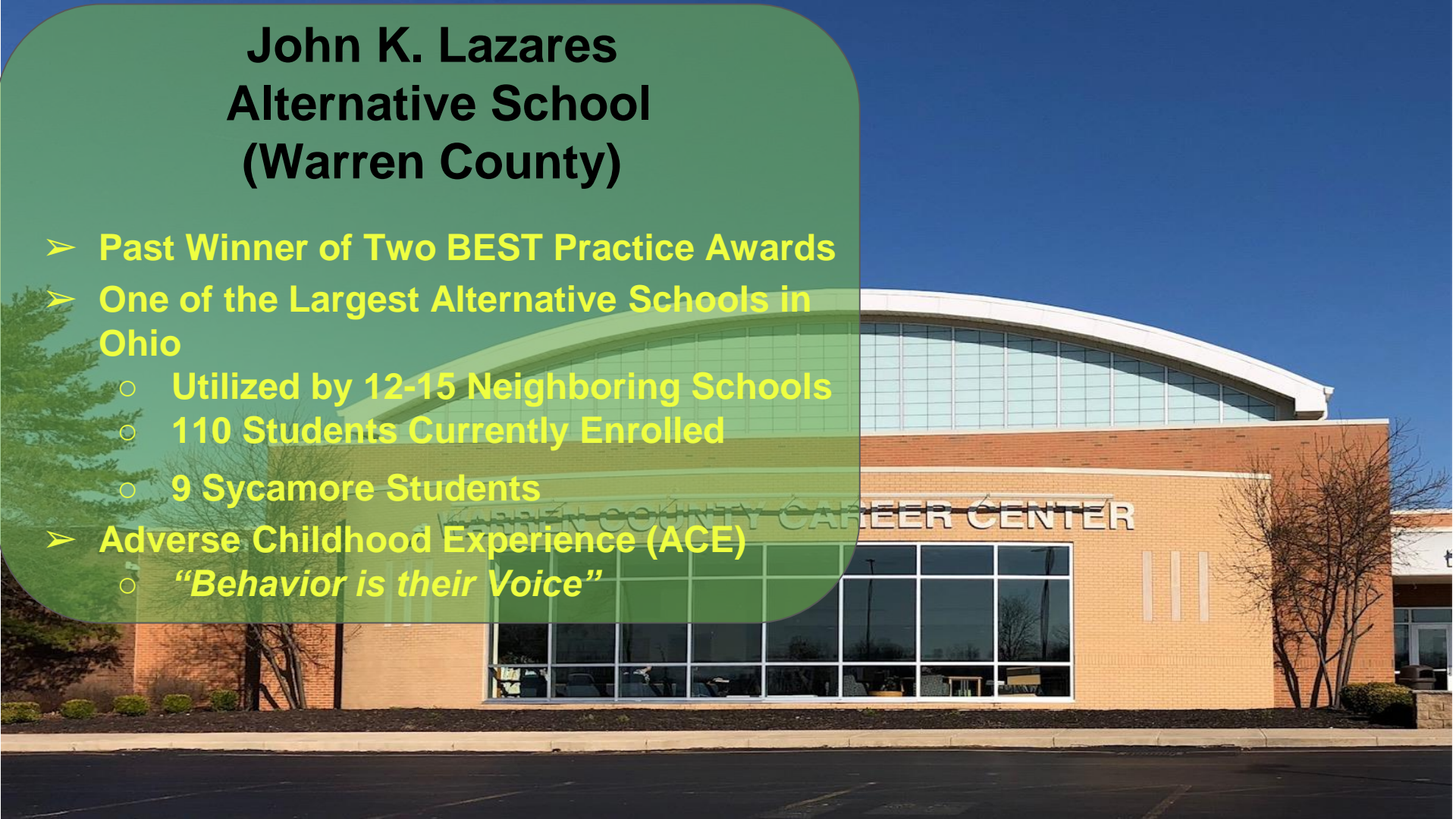
Aves Academy

- Credit Recovery Program for Juniors and Seniors
- Director Mark Weigel
- 10 Years of Successful Track Record
- 30 Students Enrolled
- Staff
 - 2 Math Teachers
 - 1 English Teacher
 - 1 Part Time Tech



John K. Lazares Alternative School (Warren County)

- Past Winner of Two BEST Practice Awards
- One of the Largest Alternative Schools in Ohio
 - Utilized by 12-15 Neighboring Schools
 - 110 Students Currently Enrolled
 - 9 Sycamore Students
- Adverse Childhood Experience (ACE)
 - *“Behavior is their Voice”*



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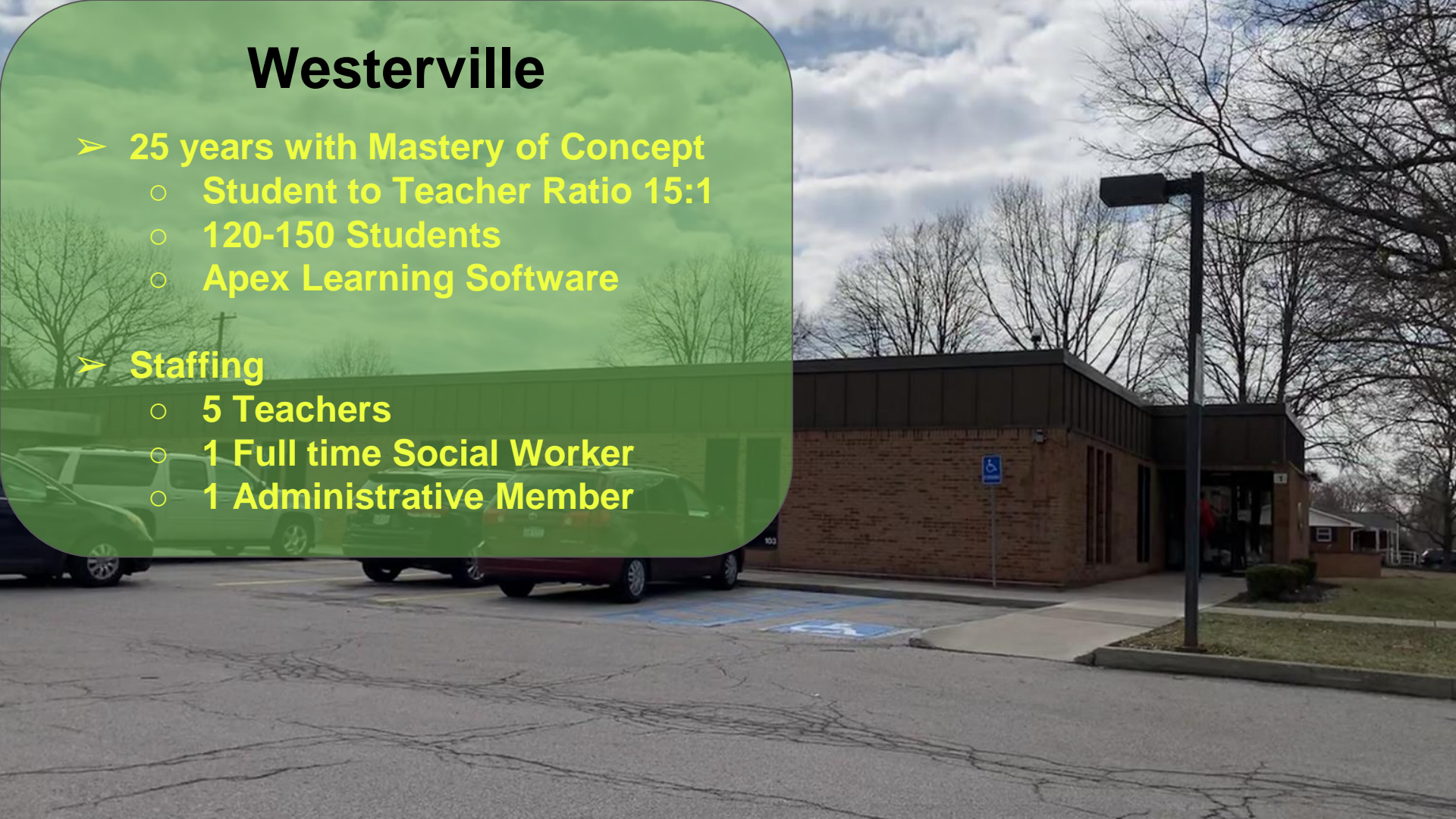
➤ Staffing

- 1 Full-time Administrator
- 1 Part-time Social Worker
- 7-12 Full-time Paraprofessionals
- 1 Full-time Language Arts
- 1 Intervention Teacher



Westerville

- **25 years with Mastery of Concept**
 - **Student to Teacher Ratio 15:1**
 - **120-150 Students**
 - **Apex Learning Software**
- **Staffing**
 - **5 Teachers**
 - **1 Full time Social Worker**
 - **1 Administrative Member**



Westerville

- Technology and Responsibility
 - Reduce Barriers
 - Environment for Success
 - Voice and Choice
 - Technology Integration
 - Knowledge Purpose Relationships

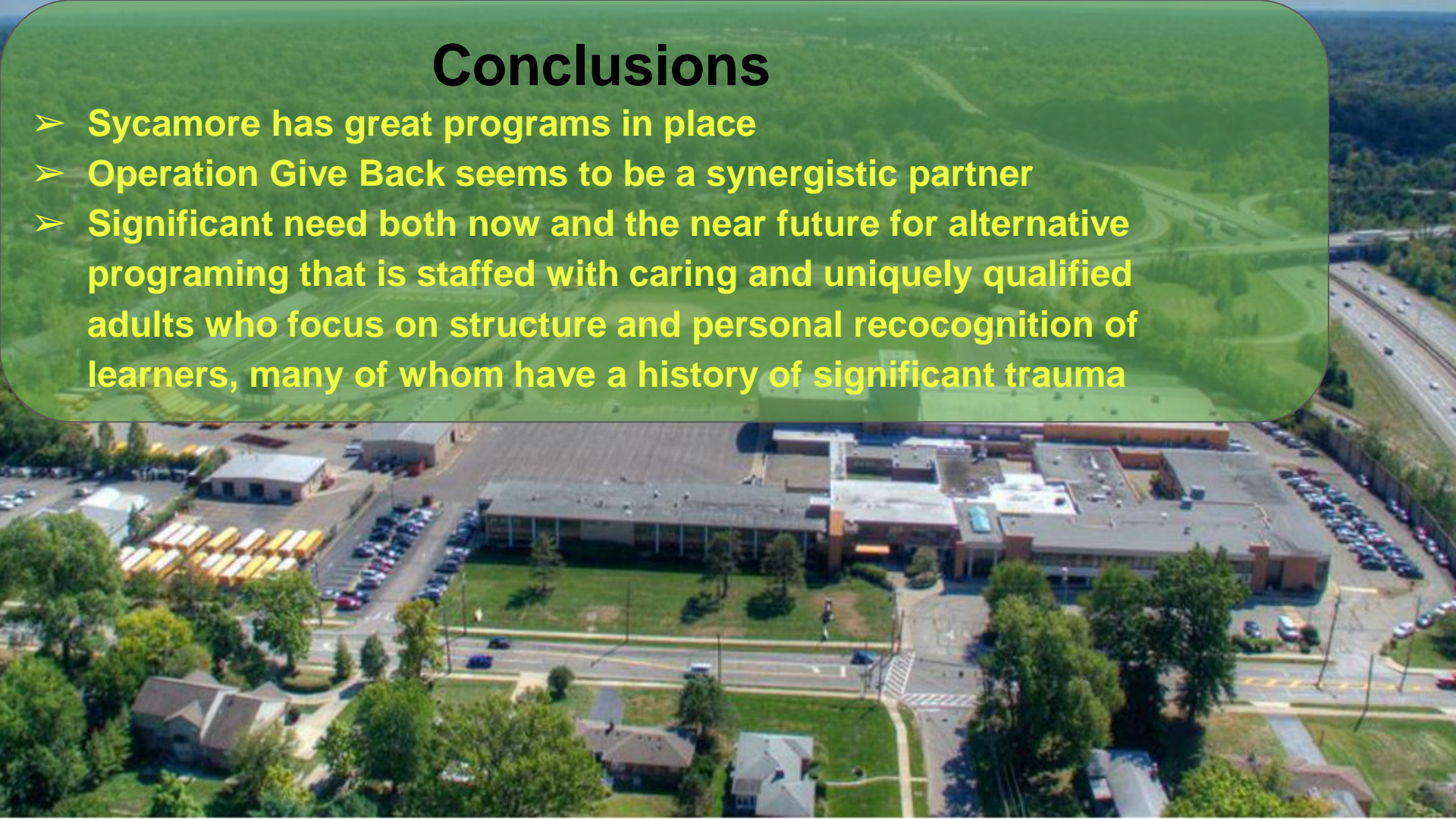
WALL OF ACHIEVEMENT

...The wall of achievement reflects the identity of those who embody the spirit and desire to succeed!



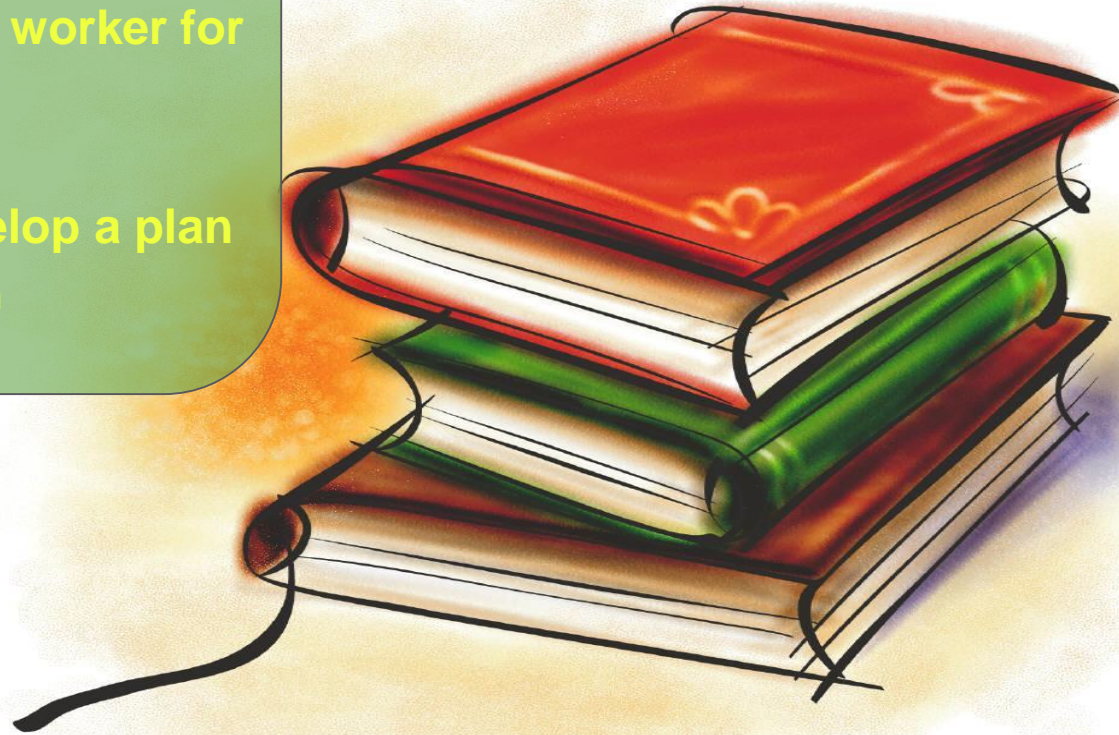
Conclusions

- Sycamore has great programs in place
- Operation Give Back seems to be a synergistic partner
- Significant need both now and the near future for alternative programming that is staffed with caring and uniquely qualified adults who focus on structure and personal recognition of learners, many of whom have a history of significant trauma



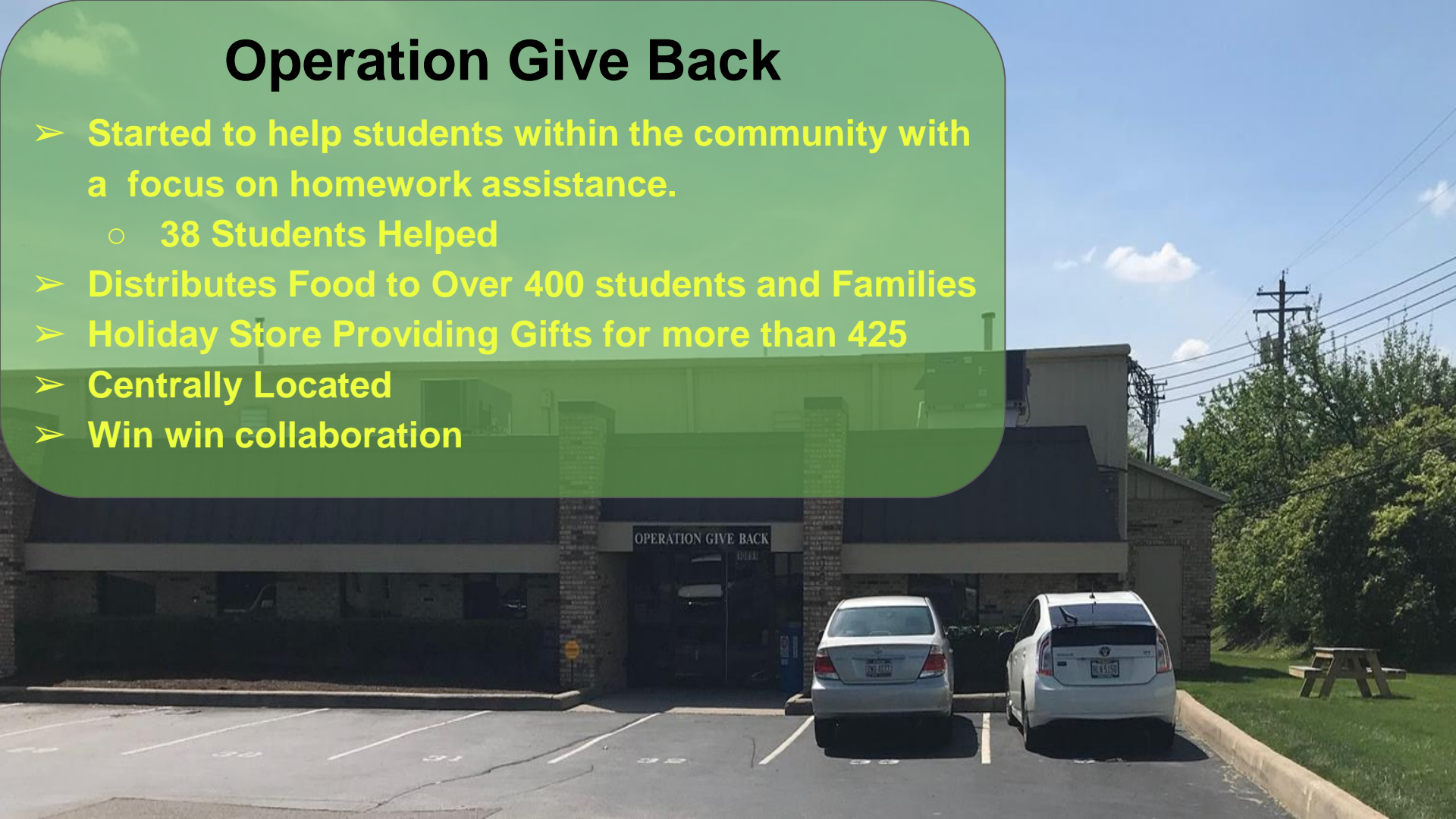
Recommendations

- Utilize OGB location for Aves Academy Starting 2019 - 2020 School Year
- Hire full time dedicated Social worker for Aves Academy
- Moving Forward
 - Create Task Force to develop a plan for sustainable expansion



Operation Give Back

- Started to help students within the community with a focus on homework assistance.
 - 38 Students Helped
- Distributes Food to Over 400 students and Families
- Holiday Store Providing Gifts for more than 425
- Centrally Located
- Win win collaboration



LOCATIONS



Questions