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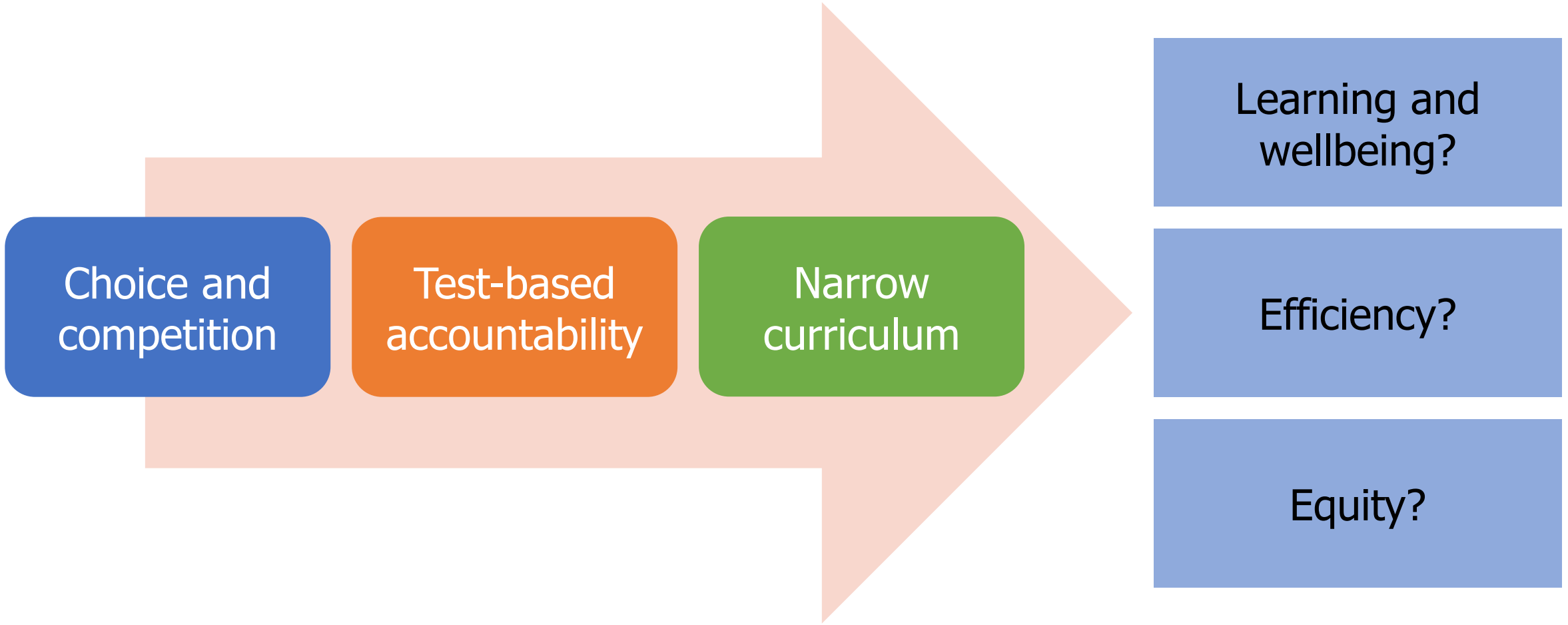
What does equity mean?

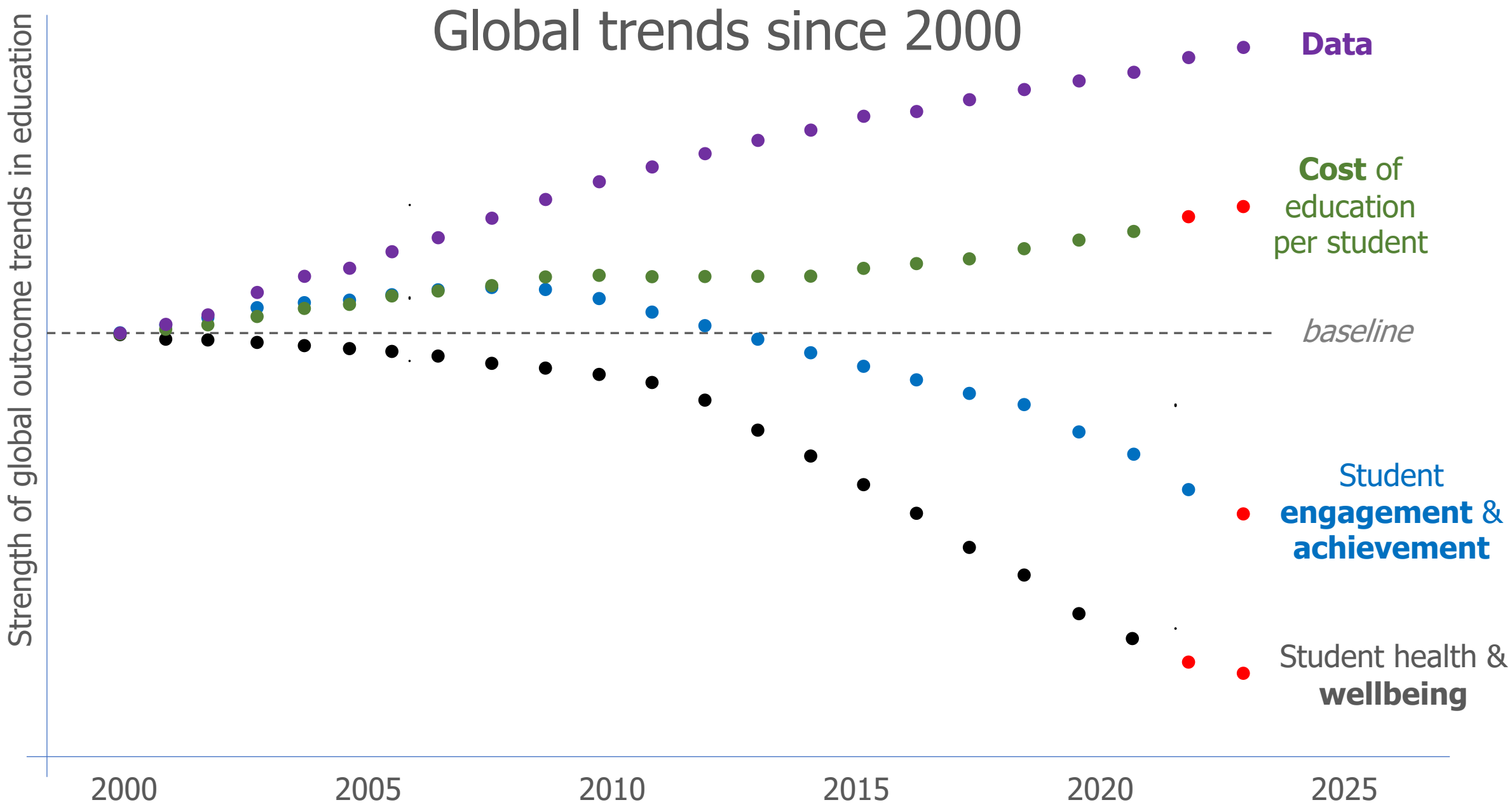
Why equity is important?

How to enhance equity in practice?

State of global education

Global education reform movement: Pre-COVID




Global trends since 2000
Strength of global outcome trends in education
Data
Cost of education per student
baseline
Student engagement & achievement
Student health & wellbeing
2000
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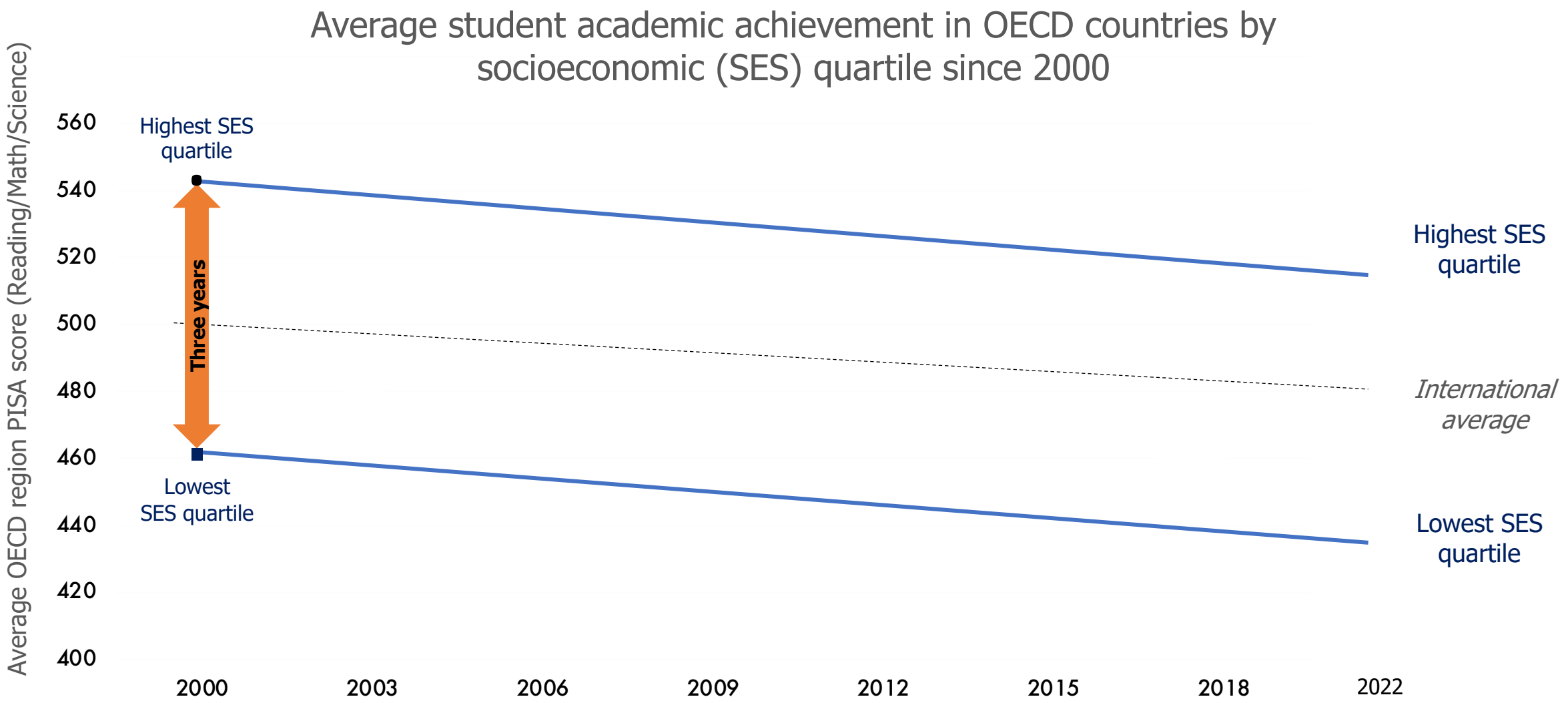
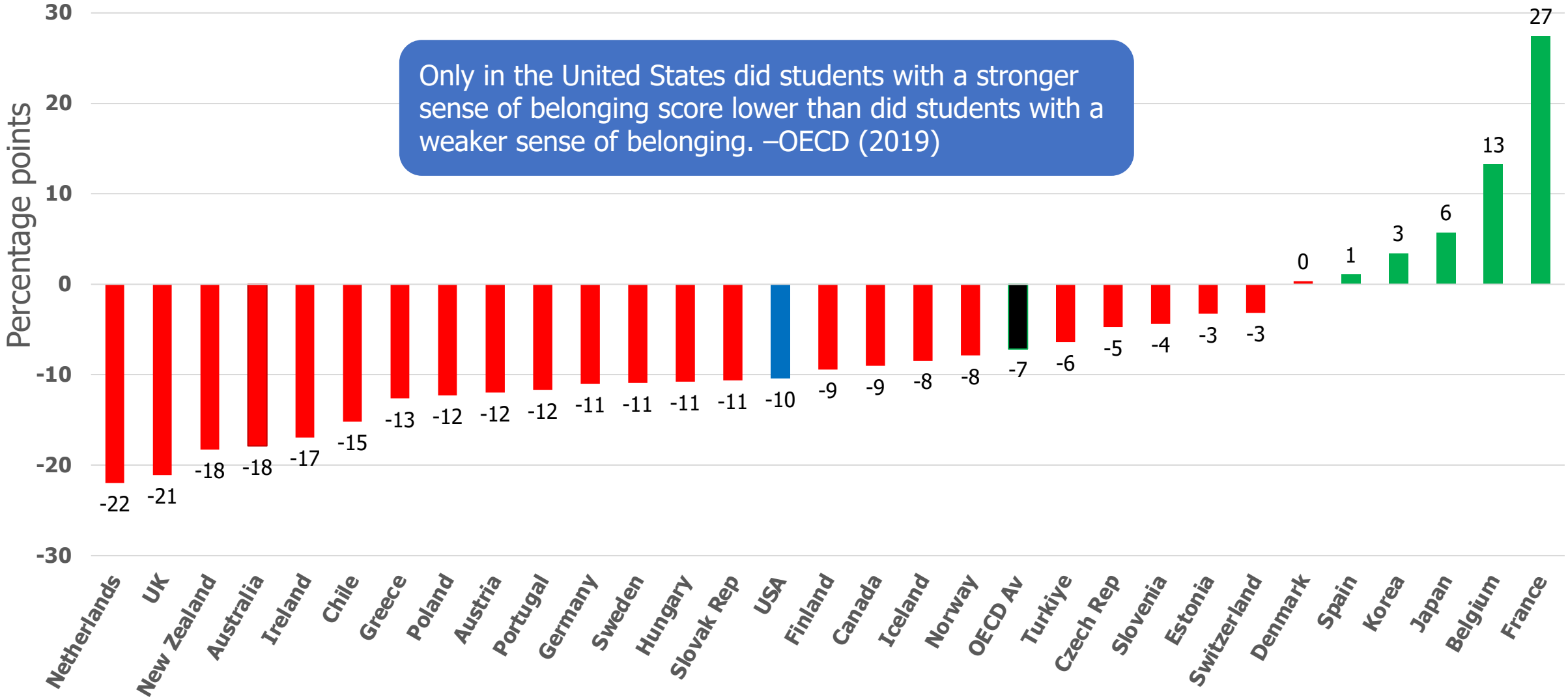
Achievement gaps since 2000



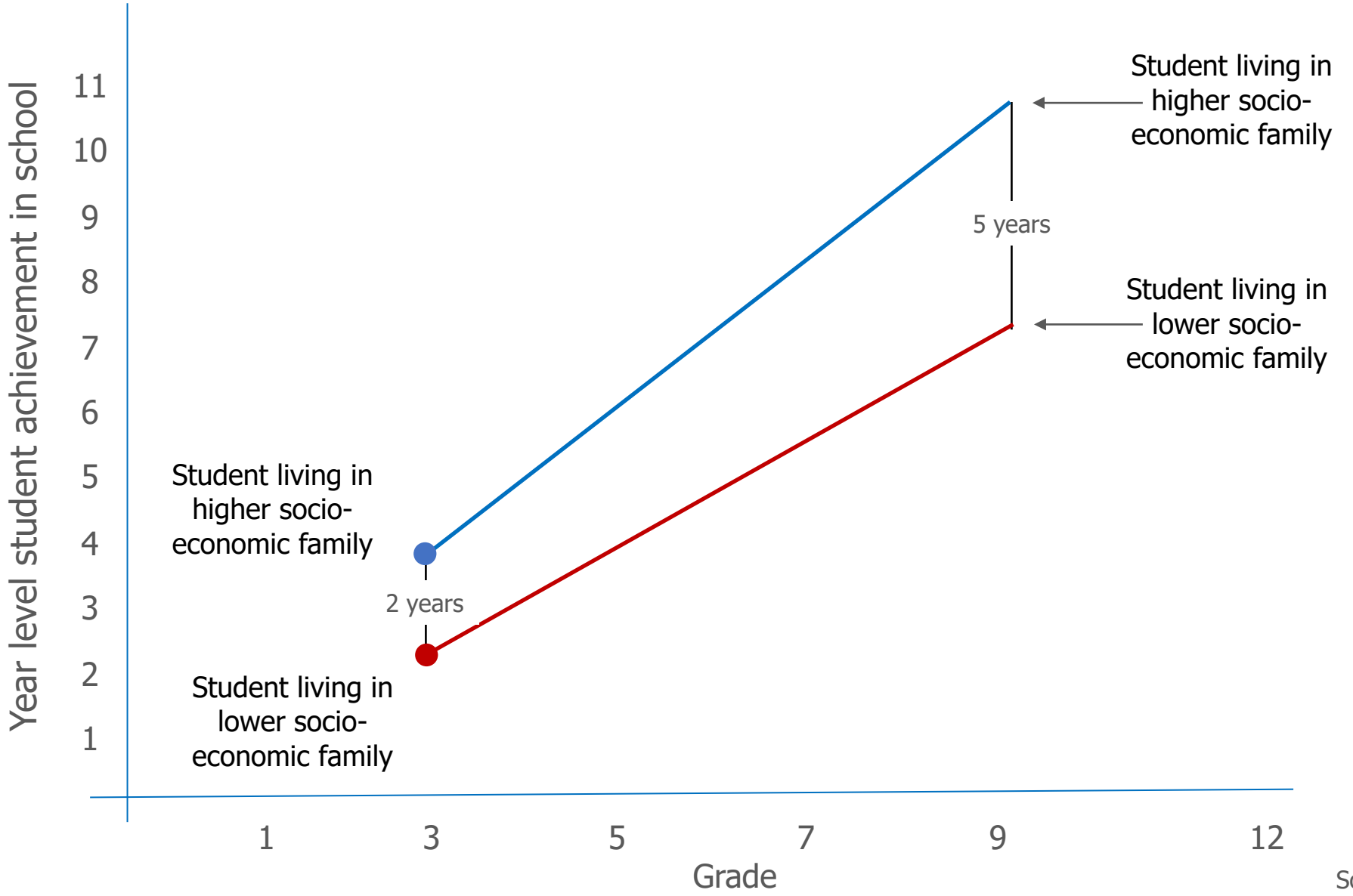
Source: OECD PISA database

Change in student "sense of belonging" at school between 2003 and 2022



Source: OECD, PISA 2015 Results (Volume III): Students' Well-Being. Tables III 7.4 & III 7.5; OECD, PISA 2022 Results (Volume II): Learning During – and From – Disruption. Table II.B1.1.4

Do schools level the playing field (in Australia)



Source: Australian Government (2023)

We can’t fix education by using the same kind of thinking that led to current problems!

Let’s talk!

"When I think about equity in education, I …”

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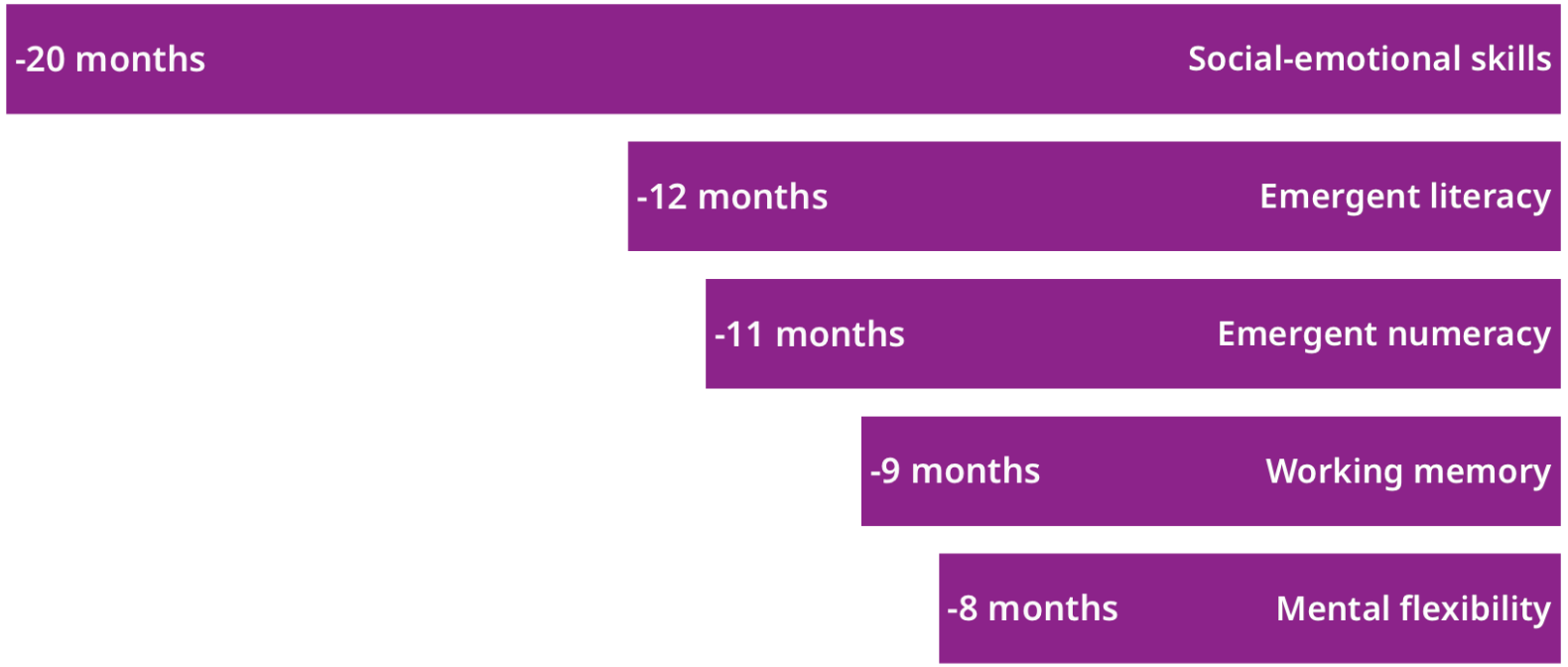
“Why is equity important?”

Equity is the foundation for stronger economies and more resilient societies of the future.

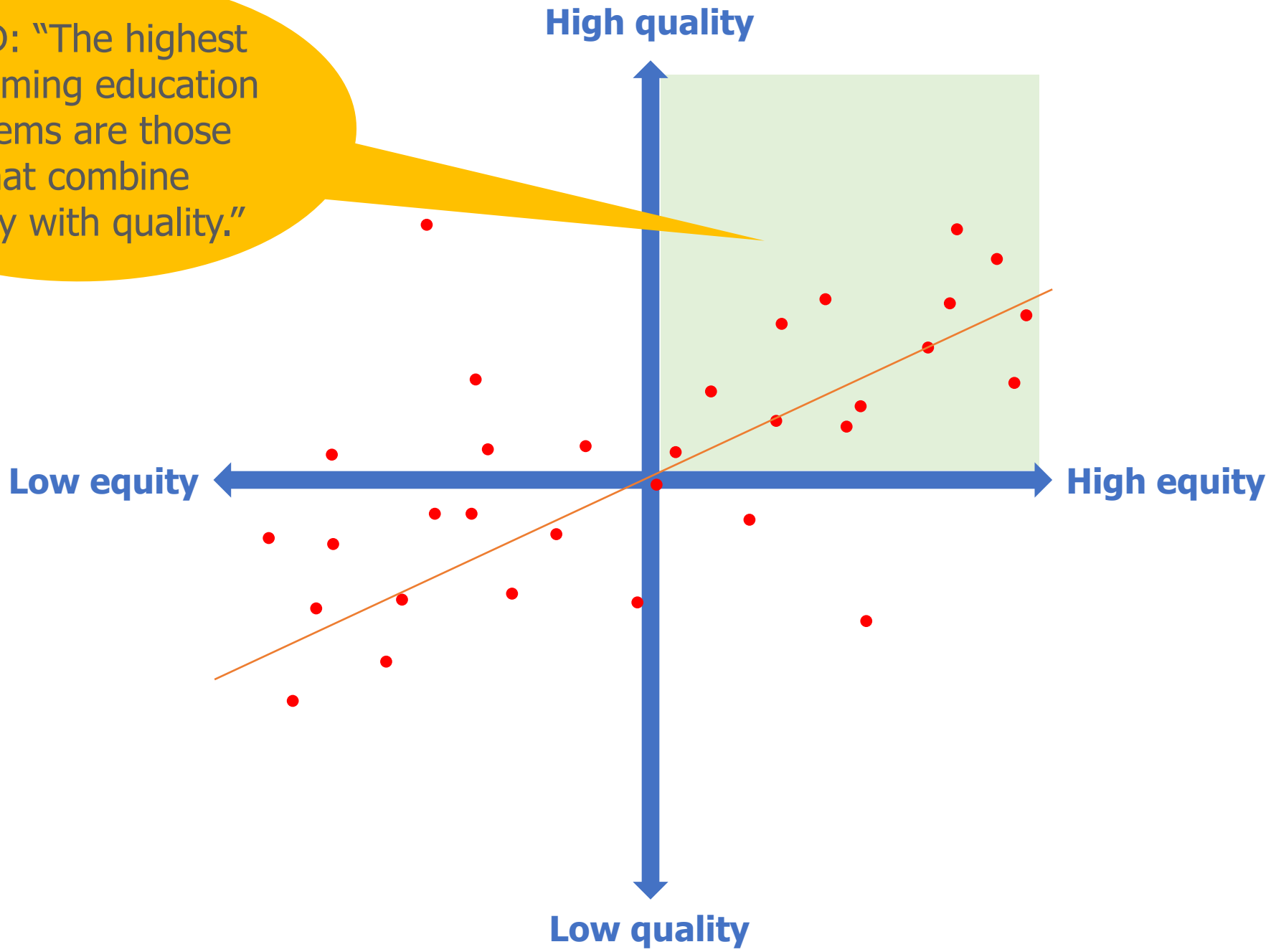
-OECD 2024

Development differences: disadvantaged vs. advantaged children
(In months of development)



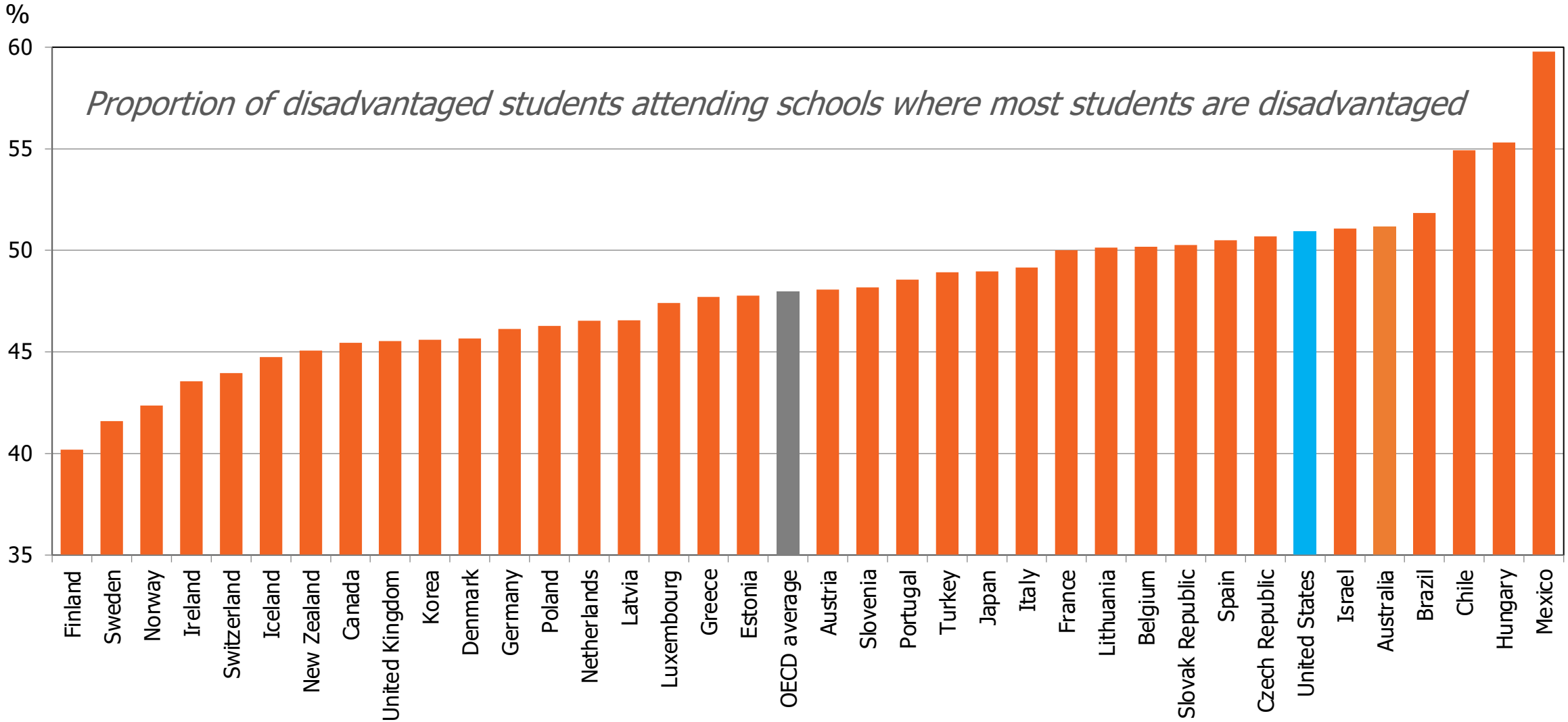
Source: OECD (2022), Early Learning and Child Well-being: A Study of Five-year-Olds in England, Estonia, and the United States,

OECD: "The highest performing education systems are those that combine equity with quality."

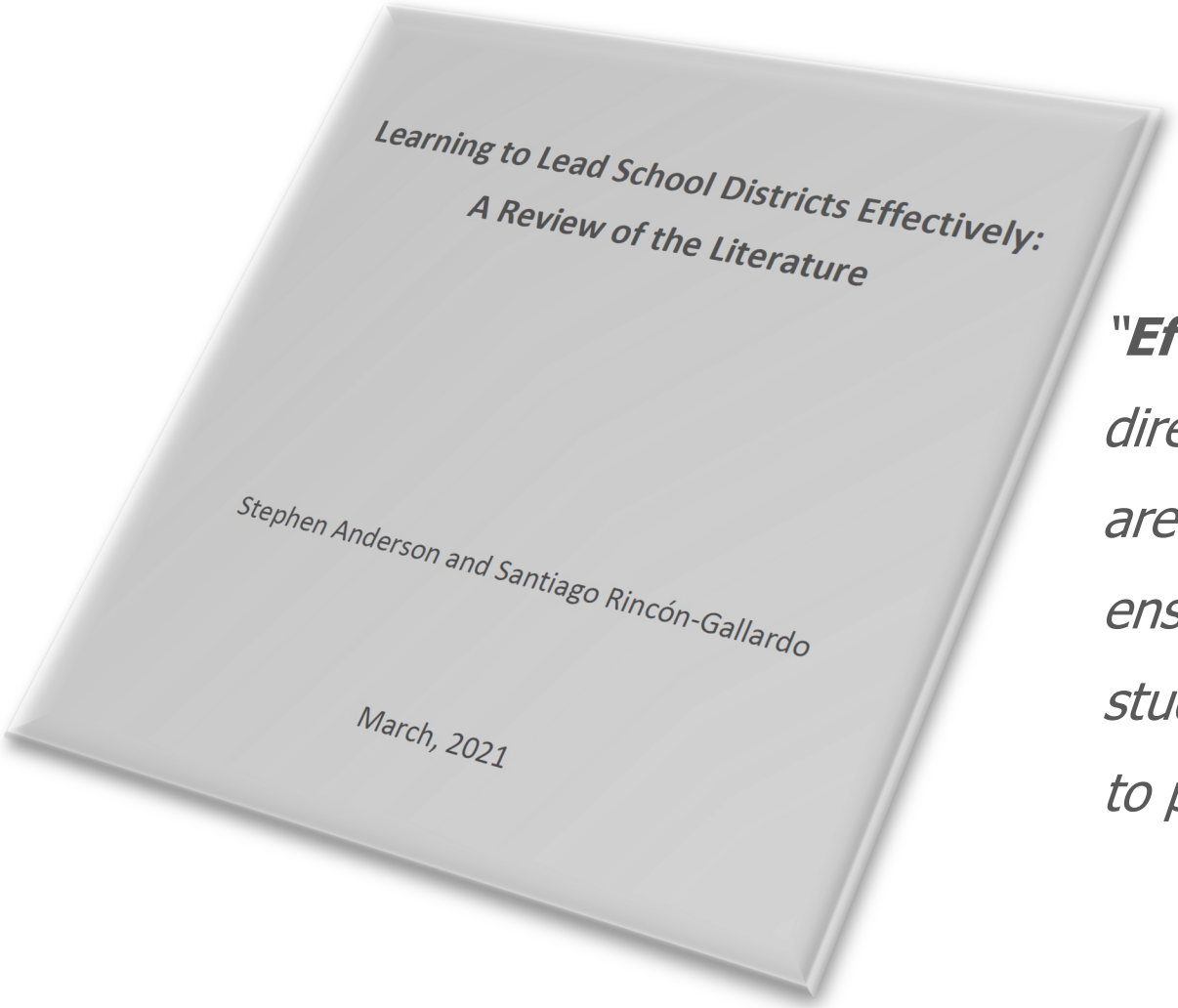


Education system performance

Increasing concentration of disadvantage



Source: OECD, 2019



*"**Effective districts** explicitly include equity in their directional vision for teaching and learning. These visions are not simply statements of belief, but of commitment to ensure high levels of learning and wellbeing to all their students, and to reciprocal accountability of the districts to providing support to schools."*

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"How equity in education is currently included in Ohio Improvement Process?”

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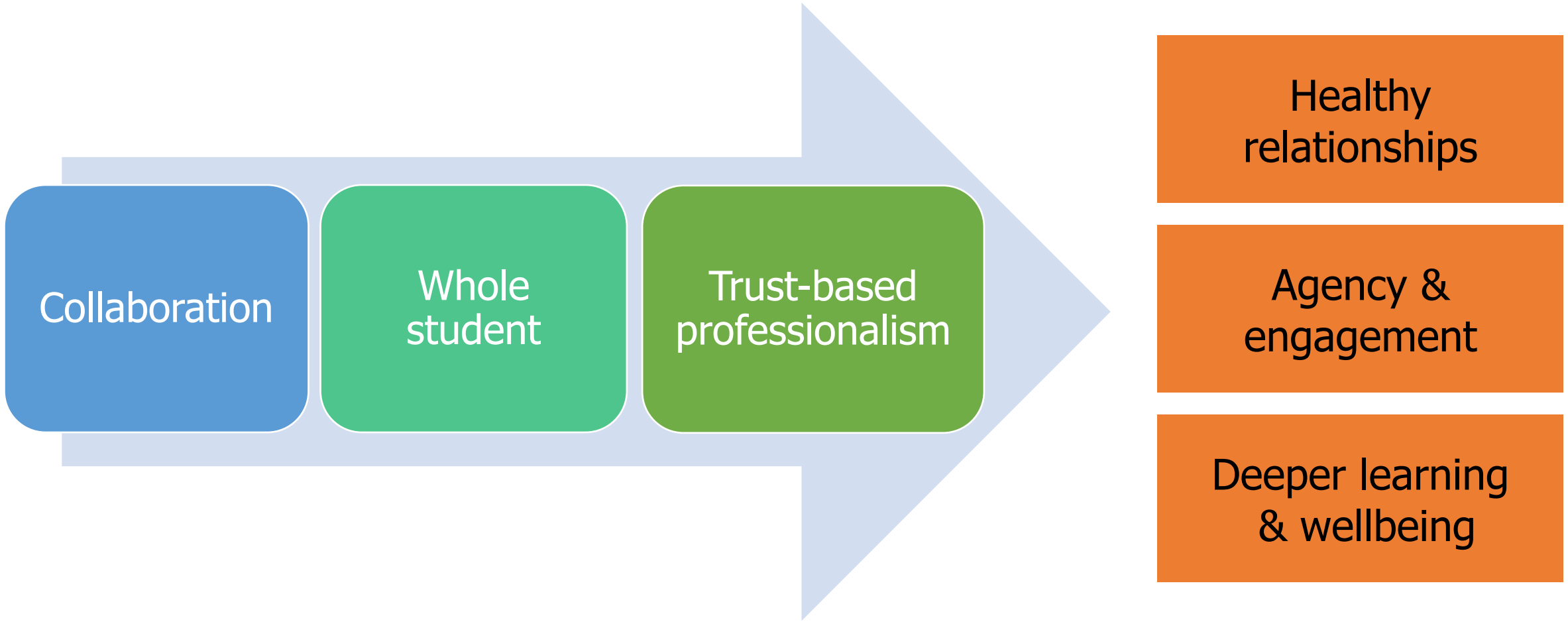
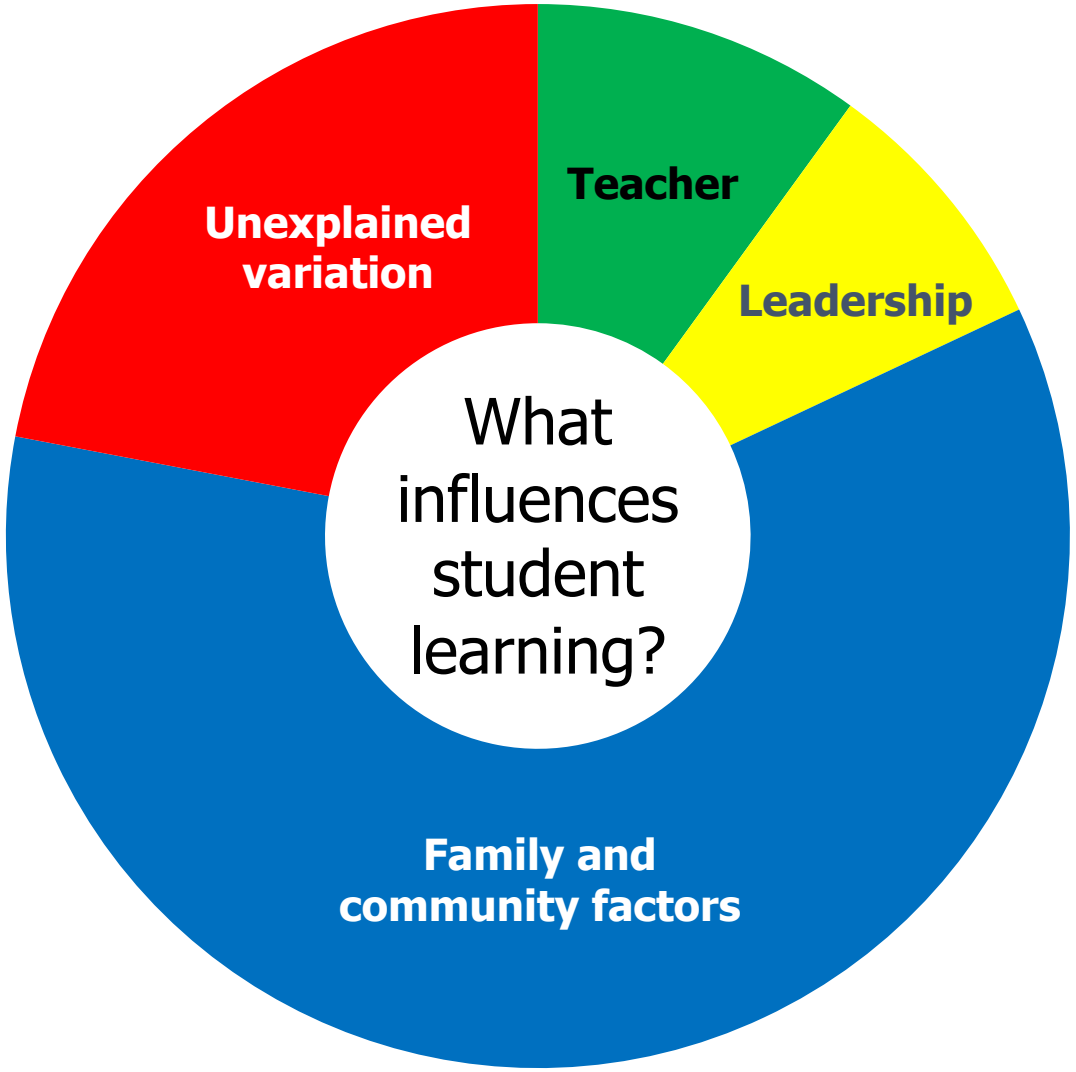
“How to enhance equity in practice?”

New direction to transform education





"Districts that are effective in advancing equity … are also proactive about addressing and mitigating some of the challenges faced by students outside of school.

-Anderson & Rincón-Gallardo (2021)

Conclusion: Equitable education systems focus on

- **Eliminating structures, policies and practices causing inequities**
- **Needs-based funding of schools**
- **Clear definition of and precision in monitoring equity**
- **Whole school, whole child approach to learning & wellbeing**
- **Building collaborative, trust-based cultures across the system**
- **Intervening early!**

Thank you!