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School Food Recovery as a Reuse System

Successes, Challenges,
and What Comes Next

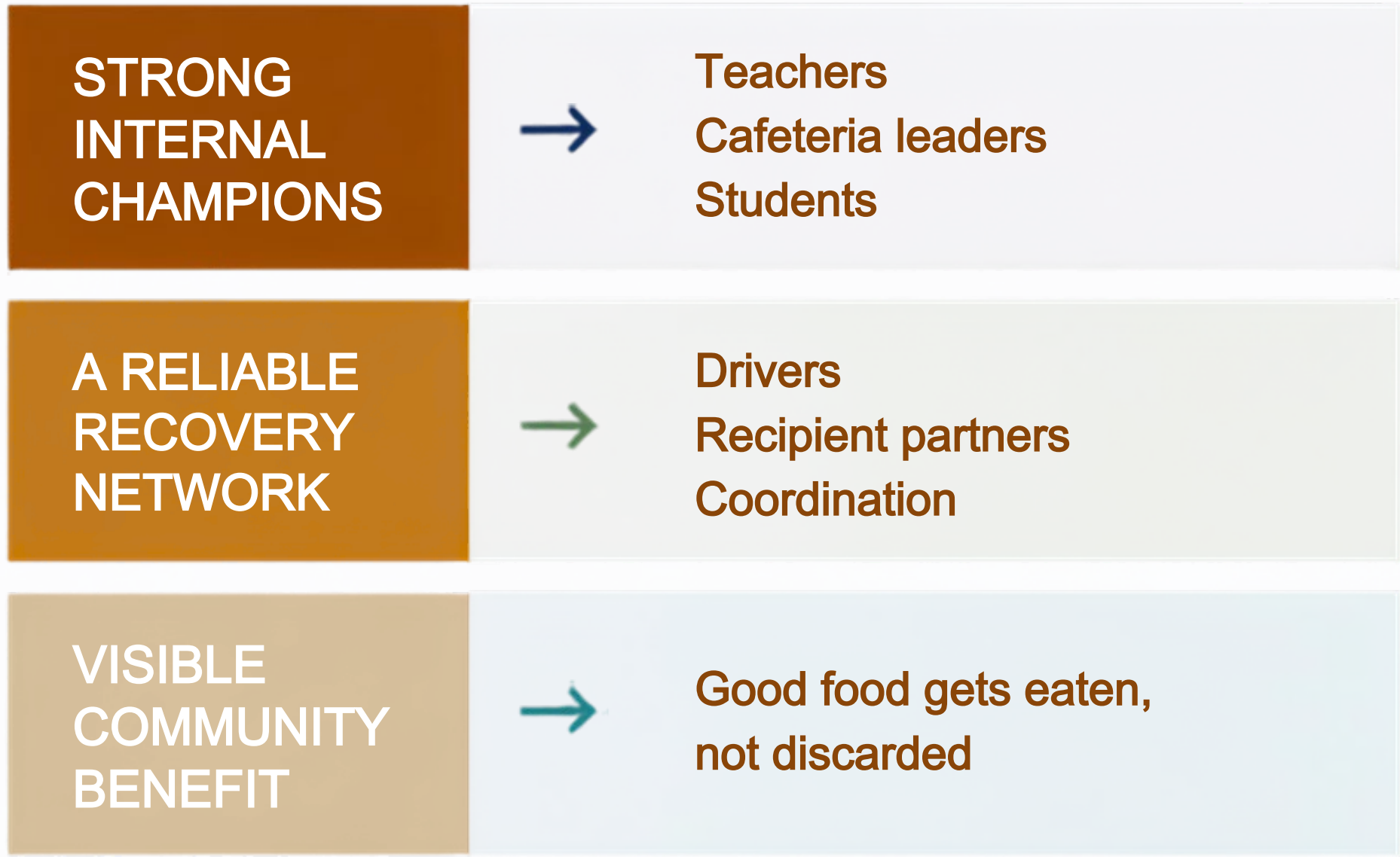
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Successes: What Works

Key drivers of successful school food recovery



ONE PILOT (12 Weeks)			
56 recoveries	1,816 lbs	9 volunteers	7 recipient partners



The Barriers Aren't Just Logistical

LIABILITY

Do frontline staff
feel protected?

LABOR

Could surplus data be perceived
as a threat to staffing or jobs?

STIGMA

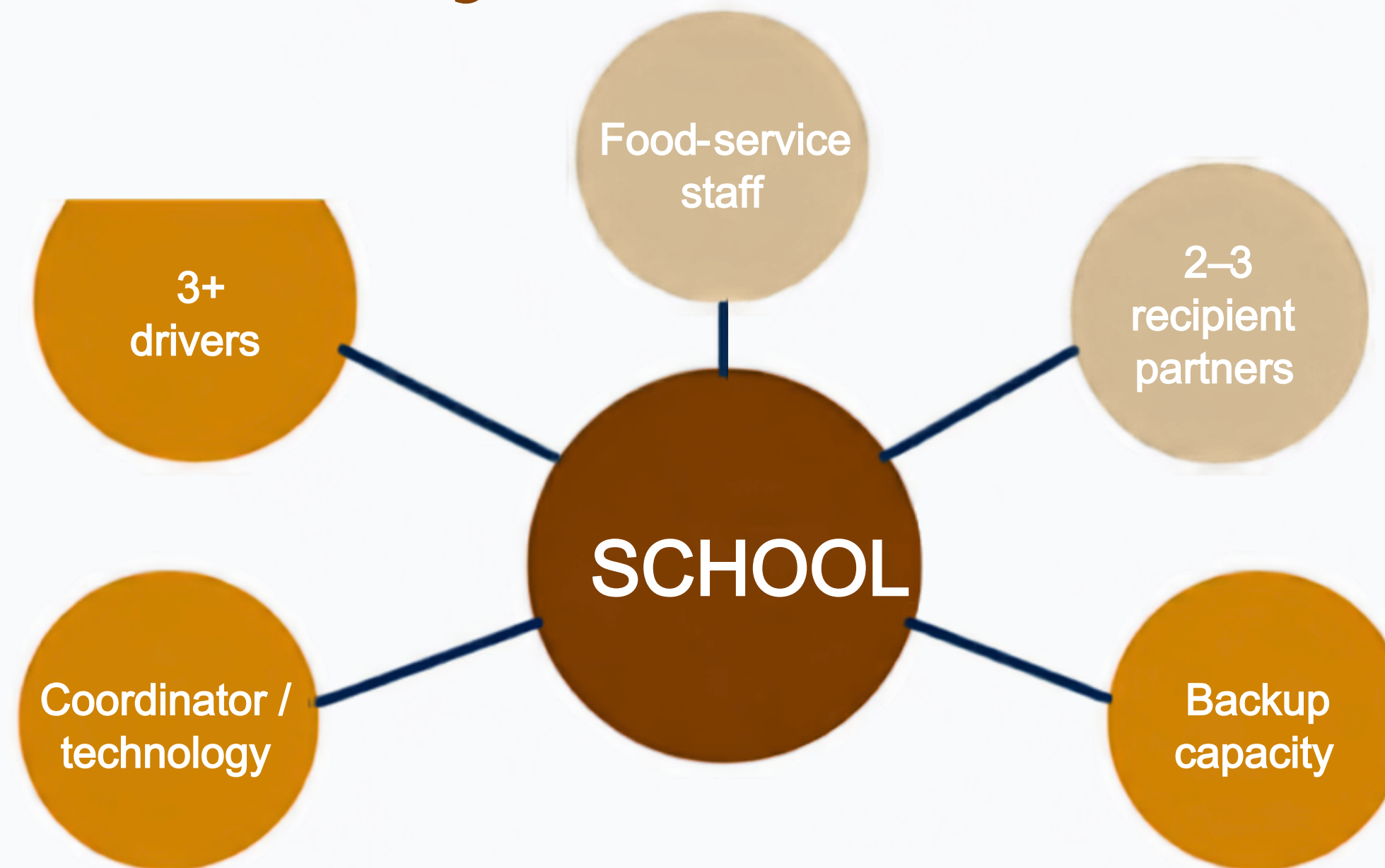
Does leftover food
feel like failure?

TURNOVER

Can the program survive
one champion leaving?

Surplus is not necessarily failure. Schools must prepare
enough food to feed every student who shows up.

Every Donor Needs a Food Recovery Network



Redundancy makes recovery reliable.

What Comes Next: Infrastructure Makes Food Recovery Possible.

Staff education + communication

Liability clarity

Transportation

Recipient capacity

Coordination

Funding

Food recovery works—
but the system has to be built.

