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# Beyond the Build Helping Districts Deliver Despite Disruption to Turn Setbacks into Success

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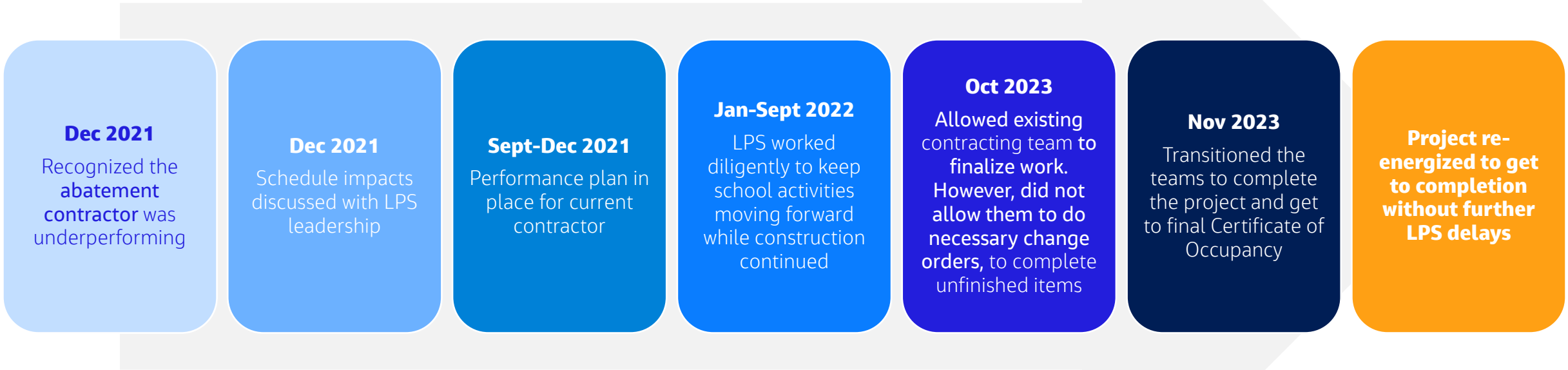


## Project: Littleton Public Schools Centennial Stadium

- **The stadium is shared with all LPS schools**
  - 2nd District Stadium for LPS; 1,000-seat capacity
  - Primary use for student athletics; the 9-lane track is appropriate for CHSAA competition
  - Youth sports leagues in the community also use the stadium
- **Challenges**
  - Abatement and demolition of existing Newton MS; abatement contractor had to be supplemented
  - Building the stadium on an occupied campus
  - Contractor staffing, schedule & quality of work
  - Supplemented original contractor to finalize all needs at the Stadium



# Trajectory of Completion with an Underperforming Team





# Construction Progress





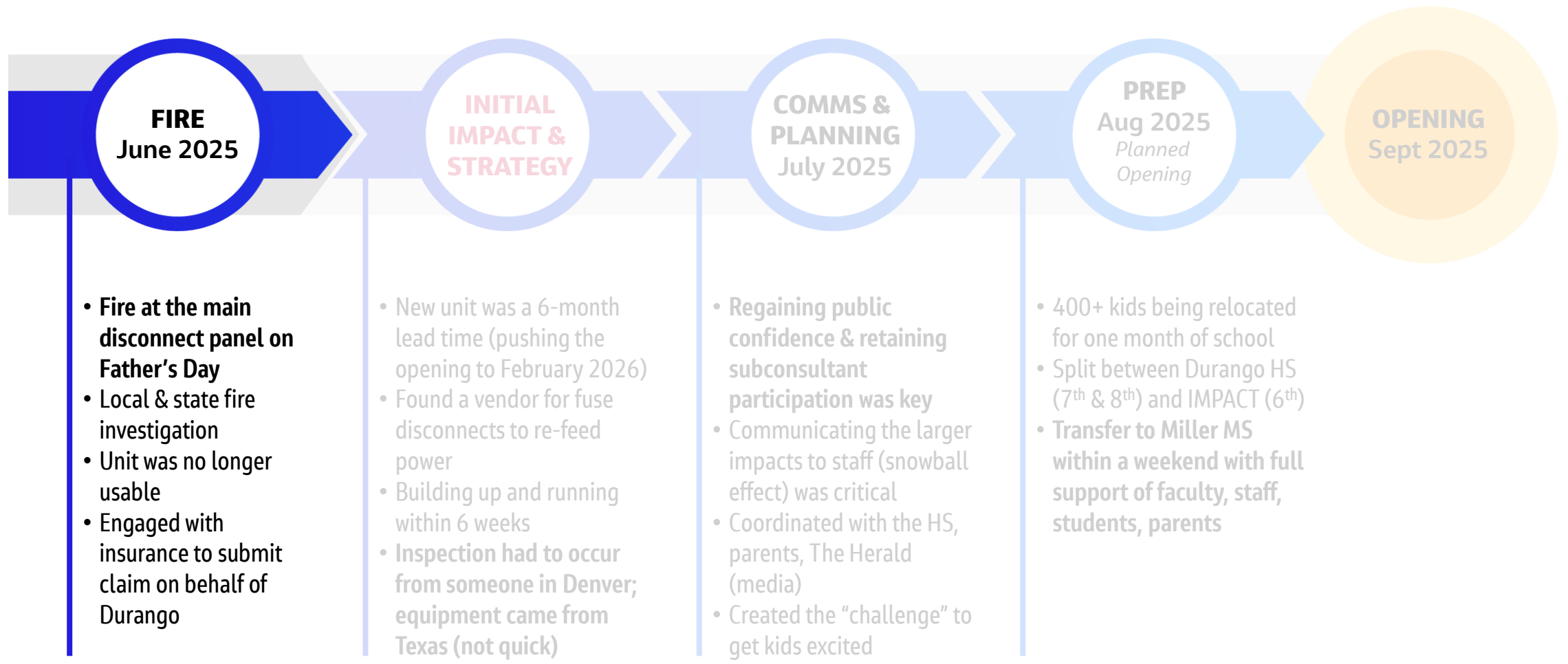


## Project: **Durango School District Miller Middle School**

- **Community desired new school to be built on the same site while students occupied the existing Miller MS**
- **\$55M, 85k SF new building**
  - A portion of the old building remains, and the new building on the east end of the campus is linked by a pedestrian bridge
  - 35k SF full gut renovation of the 2004 addition
- **Flexible learning pods, outdoor learning spaces, workshop style learning settings**
- **A new fitness center and drop-off zones**
- **The project is substantially complete**



# Cutting a Six-Month Impact Down to One



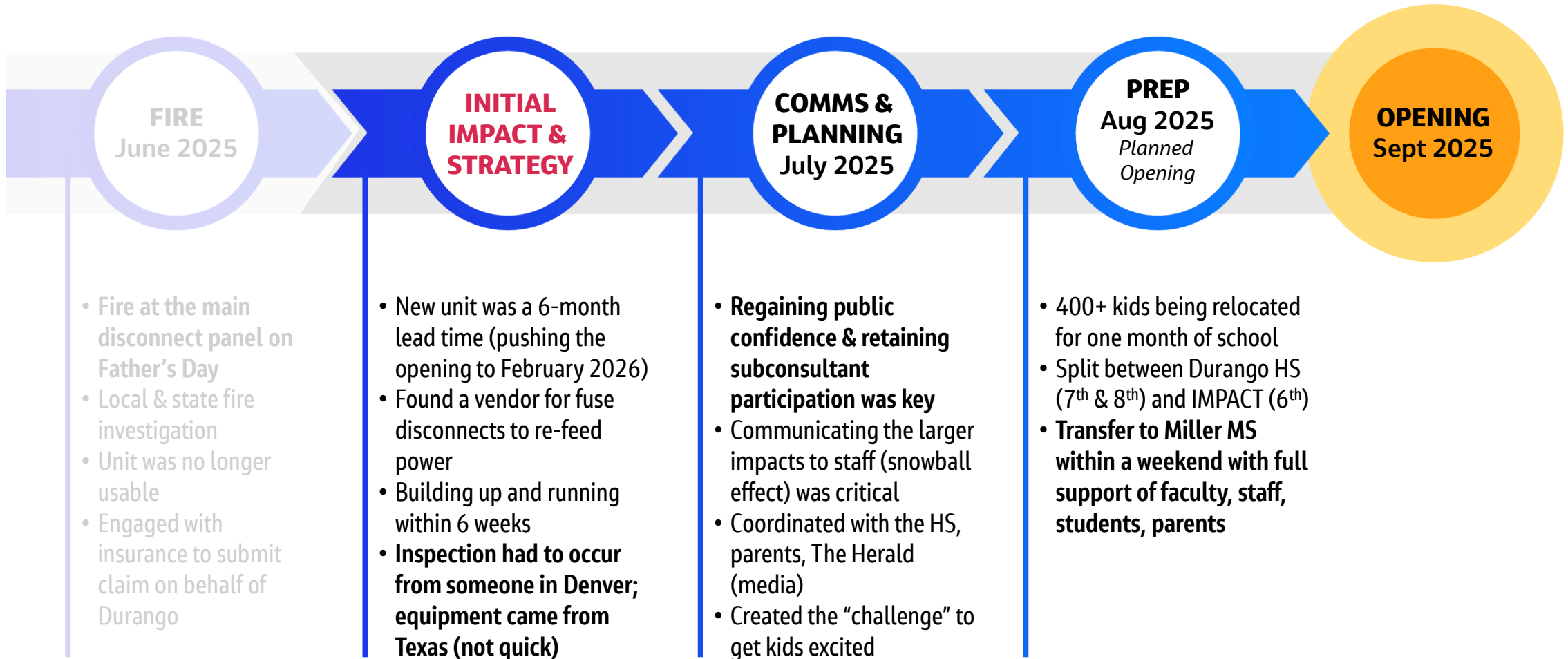


# Fire in the Utility Yard Causing \$200k in Damages



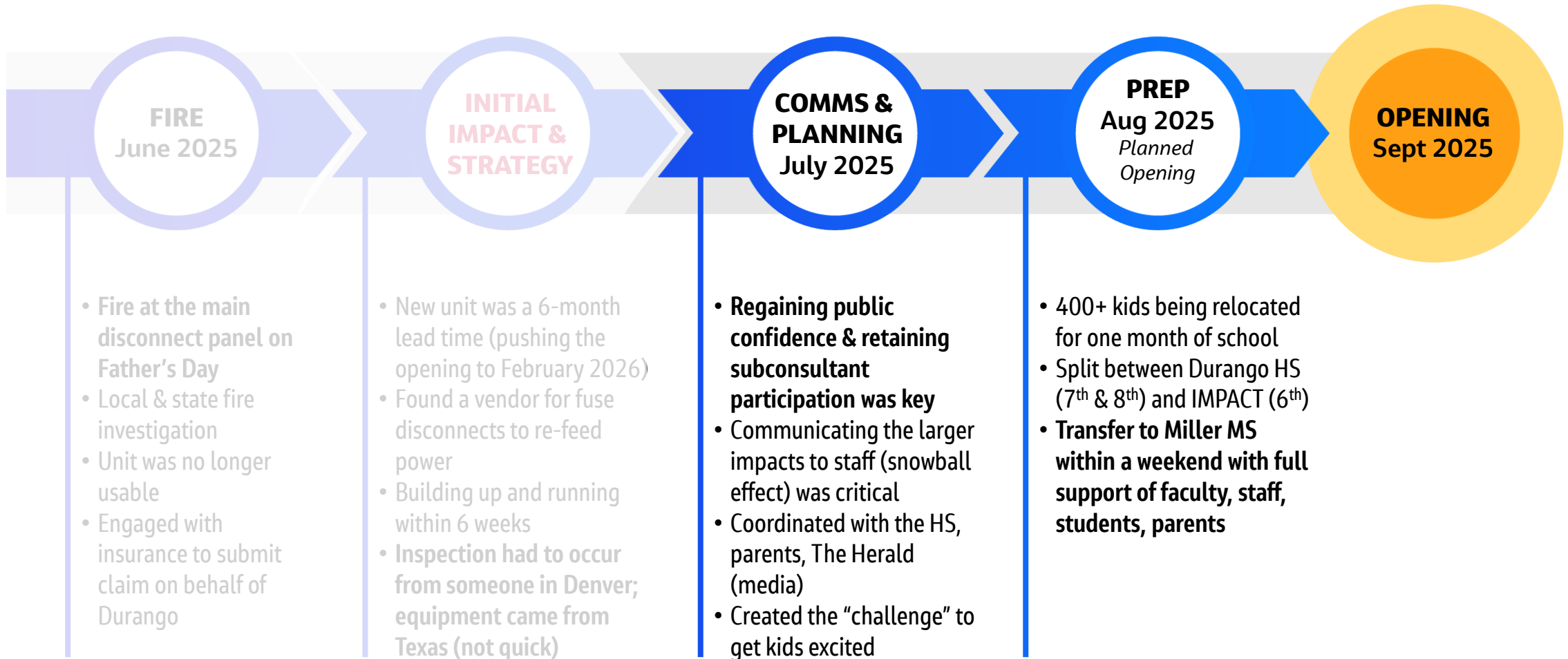


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# Project Angel Flight





### SUMMARY

A suspicious fire.  
A disastrous delay.  
Outraged parents.  
Negative media.  
First move. Second move.  
Student murdered.\*  
And yet... the Angels still flew.

I wiped the sweat out of my eyes. It was a sweltering Father's Day on June 17, and I was on a hike above the valley of Durango. "Hey, is that smoke down there?" said my husband. "We better call it in." That 911 call was the beginning of a six-month, phased communication campaign for what became known as Project Angel Flight.

The students and staff of Miller Middle School – the home of the Angel mascot – were still on vacation. They were meant to move into the new space on Aug. 20 at the start of the 2024 school year. A fire that was likely an arson severely damaged key electrical components at the construction site, which meant the 2020 Bond-built, long-awaited school would not be ready for move-in as promised in the fall of 2024.

Insert your gasps here as you imagine the nightmare of relocating a entire middle school (409 students, 77 staff) in five weeks before the first day of school. Now add in a media frenzy, panicked parents, and a loss of trust from a community counting on the completion of their tax dollars at work. A solution was found in the nick of time: Students would be temporarily relocated to Durango High School before finally moving into their new home on Sept. 24, 2024.

It was a privilege to work with a dedicated team of educators and administrators to pull off this huge effort together. Internal communication with a tight core team was the strategic glue that held everything in place. It started with weekly virtual meetings with principals still in their summer shorts and flip-flops. The six-month timeline of external communication included:

- Explanation of the fire/potential arson
- Finding a new location for staff and students
- Announcing the merged-school concept
- Fielding questions on logistics
- Hosting family tours, check-ins, and an open house
- Reporting on the five-week merging of schools
- Explaining the move back to the new school
- Creating enthusiasm for the twice-delayed grand opening\*

### Project Angel Flight

Miller Middle School's Transition between schools in Fall 2024

#### TIMELINE

PHASE 1

PREP & LOGISTICS  
JULY 17-20, AUG. 20  
Students, families and staff of Miller and DHS organized details and logistics for the move to DHS in preparation for the beginning of the school year on Aug. 20.

PHASE 2

MOVE TO DHS  
AUG. 1-20  
District, DHS and Miller staff reconfigured classroom spaces and moved in. Beginning Aug. 20, Miller students adjusted to temporary classrooms and the DHS campus.  
• 8:00 a.m. - 5:45 p.m. at Miller - Miller Fall Check-In & Meet the Admin. Families met either in-person and on-site.  
• 8:00 a.m. at DHS - Angel Day! Schedule available.  
• 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. DHS Grade Orientation: 9:30-10:30 a.m., 7th-Grade Meet & Greet: 2-3 p.m. 8th-Grade Meet & Greet

PHASE 3

INTERIM LEARNING  
AUG. 20 - SEPT. 20  
Miller students were welcomed on the DHS campus and learning continued in temporary spaces. (8th at Impact; 7th and 8th at DHS West Wing first floor; electives near campus.)

PHASE 4

MOVE TO MILLER  
SEPT. 23 (STAFF) & SEPT. 24 (STUDENTS)  
Miller staff and students returned to the new campus, settled in, and resumed learning in the beautiful new space.

PHASE 5

MILLER GRAND OPENING  
TUESDAY, JAN. 7, 5:30-6:30 P.M.  
Everyone is invited to the public Miller Grand Opening. There will be a ribbon-cutting, speakers, cake, self-guided tours, and a scavenger hunt with prizes.

\* On Oct. 24, 2024, a 16-year-old boy was arrested in connection with killing a 12-year-old Miller student at home. The suspect fled, and the resulting three-hour manhunt shut down all of our schools. This was one day before the planned grand opening of the new Miller Middle School. The event was postponed to Jan. 7, 2025, to allow staff and students time for grief and healing.

3 – Durango School District 9-R, Karla Skuis • COSPPA Gold Medallion Award Submission



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# Questions?



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