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CHARTER SCHOOL SURVEY AND SCHOOL DISTRICT RESPONSES

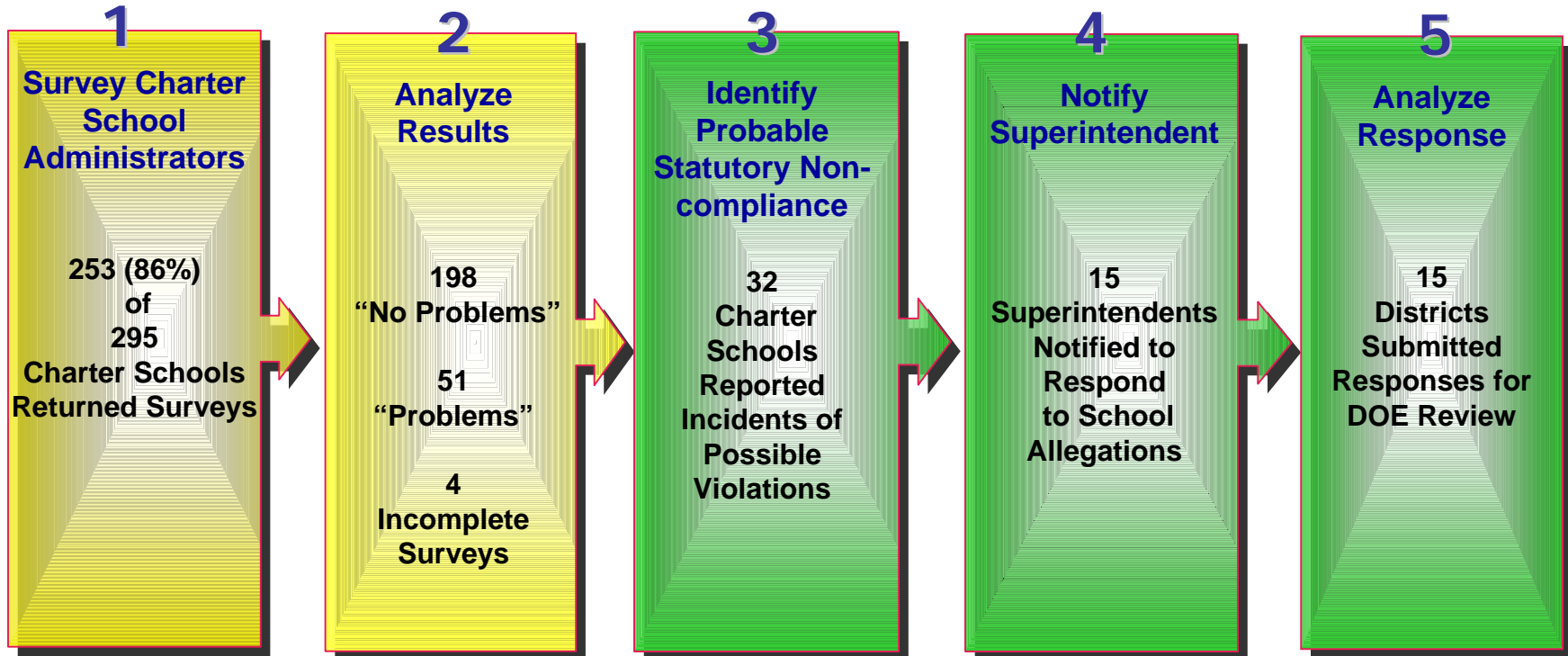
**Presentation to the State Board of Education
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Purpose

- Identify problems with district sponsors that are significant violations of state or federal laws.
- Identify legitimate concerns and complaints between charter schools and district sponsors.
- Research possible resolutions.
- Develop recommendations for action.



Allegations from 32 Charter Schools Required a District Response

- 21 Funding Allegations
- 18 Charter and/or Contract Allegations
- 8 Schools Reported Both Funding and Contract Allegations

DOE Review of District Responses

- 22 Determined to be Appropriate Actions by District
- 10 Required Further Dialogue with School and District Staff



While the survey did not reveal documented incidents of noncompliance, the findings show areas of legitimate concern that must be addressed to increase the quantity and improve the quality of Florida's charter schools.

Provide Focused and Targeted Training and Technical Assistance on Areas of Allegations

- Contracts and charters
- Funding

Facilitate Genuine and Ongoing Communication and Dialogue Between Florida's Charter School Program Partners

- Personal calls or communication with all schools and districts responding to survey
- Continuous and regular meetings with stakeholders

Maintain an Ongoing Process to Document Charter School Complaints

- IEPC formal complaint process

Implement “New” Activities in 2006-2008 Federal Charter School Program Plan

- Online charter school learning community
- Web-based charter school system
- State leadership institute for district sponsors and potential charter school directors
- Charter school leadership mentoring program



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